



Pilgrim News

Spring 2023

Governor's Greetings

What was happening 100 years ago? The most important event transpired on Saturday, May 19, when the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants came to life. (Picture me winking.) Of course, there may have been a few other notable occurrences that year such as:

- After five years of excavating in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, Howard Carter opened the sealed door of a teenage boy's burial chamber and gazed upon King Tut's sarcophagus.
- Time Magazine published its first issue. It lacked the distinctive red border and was only 32 pages. Then again, it cost a modest 15 cents.
- Our Canadian neighbors first began treating diabetes with Insulin. It would be 18 more years before the first patient was treated with penicillin.
- The most famous person in America was Babe Ruth. Back then, baseball fans attended games in their Sunday best – like a men's mohair suit priced at \$14.
- The English royal family made headlines for a wedding. (Some things never change.) Vows were exchanged between Albert, the Duke of York, and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. You may know them better as King George VI and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, parents of Queen Elizabeth II.

Regardless of what has changed in the decades since, it's easy to imagine our founders were excited in May of 1923. They'd created something from nothing. For the first time, these women and men came together as a community to honor their common ancestors. They constructed an instrument through which they would tell the story of the Mayflower's epic voyage and the pilgrim's heroic struggle to establish a colony of opportunities and freedoms rare in Europe.

We are given the unique opportunity to salute these founders as we mark our centennial. Some of us are wearing T-shirts with our 100th anniversary logo, thanks to our graphic artist member Jesse Harding. In April, you are all invited to a special tree planting ceremony to commemorate our founding. We also are requesting a special observance in Lincoln this fall. (Keep your fingers crossed!) If you have other ideas for celebrating this important milestone, please contact me. Let's make this a year our ancestors and our charter members would have enjoyed, too!

Kathryn Morrissey, Governor

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Please review "A Note from the Historian" on Page 2 for important opportunities to contribute to the work of Nebraska Society.

A Note from the Historian...

Some of you may know from reading the Spring edition of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* that I have been selected by the GSMD Nominating Committee to be the next Secretary General. If elected at Mayflower Congress in September, I would serve a three-year term through the Congress in September 2026.

I am both humbled and honored by this nomination and I very much look forward to the opportunity to serve the General Society in this role. But this means I will be leaving some of my duties with the Nebraska Society. I intend to remain Nebraska Historian, including roll keeper, Webmaster and Past Governor. But we must look for new volunteers to assume my other responsibilities.

I will step away as **Chair of our Scholarship Committee** once this year's scholarship is awarded at our Spring Meeting. This committee also includes Nebraska Governor Kathryn Morrissey, Deputy Governor General (DGG) and former Nebraska Governor Gretchen Harvey and new committee members Pat Abels, Judy Ekeler, and Fawn Horner. I hope one of our new committee members can chair this committee going forward.

We need to identify a new **Assistant General (AG)**. This AG joins the DGG and represents the Nebraska Society at Mayflower Congress and General Board of Assistants (GBOA) meetings. I will serve as AG at Mayflower Congress this fall in Plymouth. We need to elect a new AG at our fall meeting in Lincoln to serve in 2024 and beyond. The 2024 GBOA meeting is in San Antonio, Texas; the 2025 meeting is scheduled for Asheville, N.C. The 2026 Mayflower Congress will be in Plymouth.

Finally, we need to fill two new roles: a **Membership Assistant** who will work with me as Historian and with our Treasurer to handle dues notices and other member communication, and an **Assistant Historian** to help with member applications and research.

Except for the AG role, the other positions are 100 percent remote and can be done without leaving your home. This is a critical transition for our Society. I ask our members to consider volunteering for these roles now so we can plan for a seamless transition this fall.

If you're interested in any of these volunteer roles, please reach out to me or our Governor Kathryn Morrissey to learn more. Thank you for considering how you can help move our Society forward.

Marty Beerman



Peeking in the Window on the Day We Were Founded

Let's go back in time to 1923. It's the Roaring Twenties – the Jazz Age! Victory in the Great War set the stage for a booming economy and all things seem possible. It was against this vibrant backdrop that 24 “cousins” became the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants.

For information on our charter members, an excellent resource is *The General Society of Mayflower Descendants' “Centennial History.”* Published in 1997, and compiled and edited by Duane A. Cline, it contains articles about the state societies. While many details had been lost by then, valuable information was captured. For example, we know our first governor, Carl Raymond Gray, hosted the organizational meeting. As he was the president of the Union Pacific Railroad, our charter members likely had views of a bustling downtown Omaha visible from the large windows of his office building. Assembled were six who transferred their membership from Massachusetts, thirteen transfers from California, two from the District of Columbia and one each from Illinois and New York. (That only adds to 23 members but that's the information given in the article.) Below and on the facing page are listings of our first officers, Board of Assistants, and the other charter members.

Do you know – or are you related to any of our founders? If you know something of someone listed below, we would really enjoy learning more! Please contact Kathryn Morrissey with those details.

Governor: Mr. Carl Raymond Gray
Secretary: Mr. Maynard Copeland Cole
Historian: Mrs. May (Bennett) Avery
Captain: Dr. John Newton Bennett

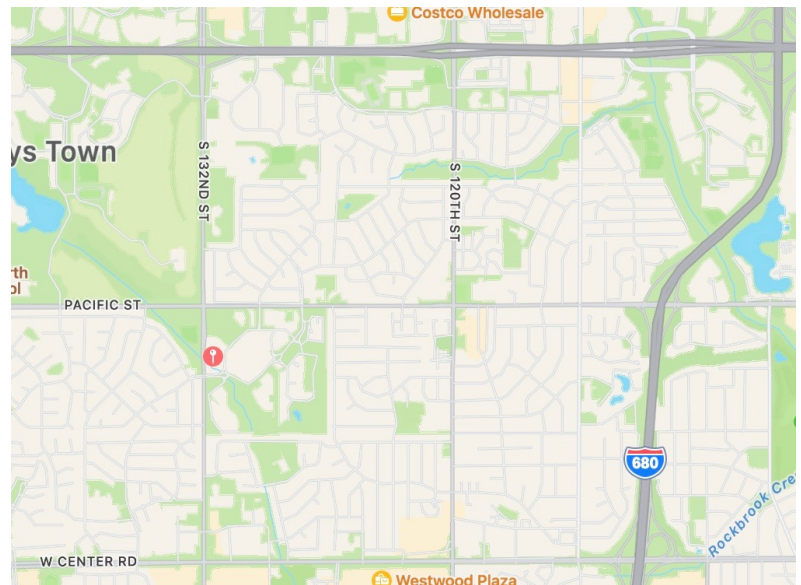
Deputy Governor: Mrs. Fannie (Colburn) Fernald
Treasurer: Miss Katherine Hinman Dickerman
Elder: Mr. Anson Virgil Whiting

Directions to Spring Meeting

Like last year, our Spring meeting will be held at the community room of

Centris Credit Union,
13120 Pierce Street,
Omaha, NE 68144.

It is a new building near the southeast corner of 132nd Street and Pacific Street. See the **red dot** on the map to the right.



Our appreciation again goes to the kind folks at Centris FCU who make their community room available free of charge. We also will be offering box lunches and suggesting everyone dress very comfortably.

The **Officers and Board of Assistants meeting** will convene in the community room at **noon**. All members are welcome to attend the BOA meeting. The **business meeting** will start at **1:00 p.m.**, followed by the scholarship presentation. Then we will play Mayflower Bingo! In addition, all attendees will receive a small surprise at the end of our time together.

Because we must leave the community room as tidy as we found it, any cousins wishing to stay after the meeting to remove the trash are most welcome. We also will reset the tables and chairs. All of this takes just a few minutes, if you are able to help.

2022 Spring Meeting Reservation Form

Member Name(s): _____

Guests: _____

Adult(s): _____ @ \$20.00/meal Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Box Lunch and Beverage (choose one lunch and one beverage for each person)

Lunch Choices: Chicken Salad Croissant _____ Club Cibatta _____

Chicken Caesar Wrap _____ Beef Wrap _____

Beverage Choices: Bottled Water _____ Bottled Tea _____

For Gluten-Free or Vegetarian, please contact Kathryn Morrissey by email by April 17.

When: Sunday, April 23rd at 1 p.m.

Where: Centris Credit Union,
13120 Pierce Street,
Omaha, NE 68144

Please send this form and checks payable to the **Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants** to be **received** by April 17 to:
Gretchen Harvey, 17503 V St,
Omaha, NE 68135.

1923 Board of Assistants:

Mrs. Mary (Poppleton) Learned
Mrs. Catharine (Williams) Moore
Mrs. Daisy (Shouf) Jones
Mrs. Clara (Sibley) Paine
Mrs. Elizabeth (Poppleton) Shannon
Mrs. Ethel T. (Wead) Mick
Mrs. Gertrude (Berry) Snipes

Additional Charter Members

Mrs. Elizabeth (Brayton) Sarson
Mrs. Ada J. (Pelton) Mecham
Mr. George Edward Turkington
Mrs. Frances (Burris) Ingles
Mrs. Adelloyd (Whiting) Williams
Mrs. Alice (Doty) Hollenbeck
Mr. Herman S. Delano
Mrs. Winifred (Harlan) Beans
Mr. Edward Darling Crites
Mrs. Mary Caroline (Hoyt) Crites

Fall 2022 Minutes

Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed viewing and bidding on many Silent Auction items, proceeds of which help fund the Burt and Becky Whedon Scholarship.

Governor Kathryn Morrissey welcomed the members and called the meeting to order. Elder Ann Reinert gave the invocation and in the absence of Captain Steve Hunt, Secretary Cindy Rademacher led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, Membership Chair Marty Beerman introduced our five newest members and then introductions were done around the room. Treasurer Bob Harvey read the Mayflower Compact. Historian Marty Beerman was assisted by Deputy Governor John Keller and BOA member John Reinert on the Roll Call. Passenger Richard Warren had the most descendants present for Roll Call.

Treasurer Bob Harvey presented the Treasurer's Report, which was published in the Fall Newsletter. He stated that moving our money to a Vanguard account continues to be a good decision for our society and delineated the following amounts from our Quick Books Balance Sheet as of Feb 28, 2022:

Total Current Assets:	\$16,615.08
Marketable Securities:	\$15,597.23
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$32,212.31

Membership Chair Marty Beerman reported 281 members with 2 prospective members [see page 8 for an updated membership report].

Governor Kathryn Morrissey thanked the officers for their reports and proceeded with details for her Governor's Report:

- Minutes of the Fall meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

- Date of the Spring meeting in Omaha at Centris FCU is April 23, 2023

- Life memberships- with the increase of dues from GSMD, Life members will be contacted personally and asked to decide if they will remain as members or drop from our roll, as was discussed in the BOA meeting.

Deputy Governor Gretchen Harvey presented the slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the slate was unanimously approved, as listed in the directory on this page.

Governor Morrissey and Historian Marty Beerman re-introduced Jesse Harding, one of our newest members, who is a graphic designer. Jesse has developed a new look for our Society's logo and flag, in honor of our 100th Anniversary. (Our Society was chartered Dec 16, 1922 and organized May 10, 1923.) The new logo was unveiled [see page 9 for a picture of this moment], and it incorporates elements of our previous symbols and has a modernized look. A shirt order form was circulated so members could order and receive them by Christmas. Governor Morrissey also distributed notepads with the new logo for everyone present! Governor Morrissey announced what was discussed in the BOA meeting, that a tree will be planted both in Omaha and Lincoln, in honor of our 100th Anniversary, perhaps in conjunction with our Spring meeting.

The members then took part in a fun "Who Am I?" game emceed by Counselor Rob Laughlin, that featured some of our Pilgrim ancestors and prizes were awarded for correct answers.

Treasurer Harvey announced that the Silent Auction proceeds amounted to \$1500- many thanks to all who brought items and bought items, and especially to Cheryl Clark for organizing and running the auction.

Elder Anne Reinert offered up the Benediction and there being no further business, Governor Morrissey adjourned the meeting.

2023 Directory of Officers

Governor | Kathryn Morrissey
(402) 670-3836 or kathryn@cwsomaha.com

Deputy Governor | Vacant
(If you are interested in this position, contact Kathryn.)

Secretary | Cindy Rademacher
(308) 627-9389 or clich1970@yahoo.com

Treasurer | Robert Harvey
(402) 679-8232 or rharvey@gmail.com

Historian | Marty Beerman
(402) 709-3786 or
NebraskaMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com

Elder | Ann Reinert
(816) 806-6602 or mar68434@gmail.com

Counselor | Robert Laughlin
(402) 397-0868 or rallaw@radiks.net

Captain | Steve Hunt
(531) 203-9229 or neandoz@me.com

Surgeon | Audrey Paulman, M.D.
(402) 551-22184 or apaulman@me.com

Board of Assistants

Cheryl Clark (2023)
(308) 325-3849 or cherlyclark@q.com

Susan Rice (2023)
(402) 227-3855 or pr20919@windstream.net

Stephanie Donsig (2024)
(402) 326-5504 or sdonsig23@gmail.com

Judith Moore (2024)
(402) 269-3480 or faysyracuse@outlook.com

Verla Ringenberg (2024)
(402) 202-8858 or vringenberg@gmail.com

John Reinert (2025)
(402) 432-9168 or jr6@aol.com

Jesse Harding (2025)
402-547-9340 or jesse@jesseharding.us

Marty Beerman (Past Governor)
(402) 709-3786 or mwbeerman@cox.net

General Society Officers

Deputy Governor General | Gretchen Harvey

Assistant Governor General | Marty Beerman

Chairs

Education | Kathryn Morrissey, Omaha

Junior Members | Vacant

Membership | Marty Beerman, Omaha

Pilgrim News Editor | Stephanie Donsig, Lincoln

Public Relations | Thomas Masters, Lincoln

Webmaster | Marty Beerman, Omaha

Scholarship | Gretchen Harvey and Marty Beerman, Omaha

Scholarship Auction | Cheryl Clark, Elwood

Audit | John Reinert

Welcome New Members!

Name	Number	Residence	Pilgrim Ancestor
Daniel Verne Agler	103218-1215	North Platte	George Soule
James Allan Lueders	103219-1216	Hastings	John Howland
Trudy Lynne (Ritchie) Schlumberger	101351-1217	Omaha	John Alden
Fawn Michelle (Glasser) Horner	103404-1218	Plattsmouth	Peter Brown
Jean Maria (Lowery) Bode	103599-1219	Burwell	Myles Standish

In Memoriam

We are sorry to report the death of two members:

Robert DeWayne Hinman of Omaha died on August 26, 2022. He joined our society in 2020 as a descendent of Pilgrim George Soule.

Douglas Hubert Peters died on February 18, 2022. He joined our society in 1974 as a descendent of Pilgrim Isaac Allerton.

Supplemental Applications Approved

The Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants congratulates the following members

Name	Residence	Ancestors	Supplemental Pilgrim Ancestors
Shirley Ann (Cass) Dupsky	Goodland, KS	Edward Fuller	Edward Doty
Lorene Rae (Cass) Cooper	Waldorf, MD	Edward Fuller	Edward Doty
Marilee Kay (Lewis) Malicky	Burwell	Edward Fuller	Edward Doty, Samuel Fuller, Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins, Elizabeth Fisher, Mrs. Edward Fuller
Gladya Lorraine (Butcher) Scofield	David City	Edward Fuller	Edward Doty, Samuel Fuller, Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins, Elizabeth Fisher, Mrs. Edward Fuller
Patricia Ann (Agler) Abels	North Platte	T. Rogers, S. Hopkins	George Soule
Daniel Verne Agler	North Platte	George Soule	Thomas Rogers, Stephen Hopkins, John Alden, John Billington, Francis Eaton, Samuel Fuller
Judy Kay (Martin) Ekeler	Fremont	John Cooke	Francis Cooke, Richard Warren
Laura Marie (Hunt) Frey	Cedar Rapids	William Brewster	Francis Cooke, Richard Warren
Jean Marie (Lowery) Bode	Burwell	Myles Standish	Edward Fuller
Kelley Marie Bode	Burwell	Myles Standish	Edward Fuller
Levi Wyatt Bode	Burwell	Myles Standish	Edward Fuller

Whedon Scholarship Recognizes Academic Achievement and Service

At the Nebraska Society's Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 23, the Society will award the ninth Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants Burt and Becky Whedon Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,620 to a high school senior planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university during the 2023-2024 academic year.

An avid genealogist, Becky (Allen) Whedon joined the Nebraska Society in 1982, a descendant of Pilgrim Francis Cooke. She was also a descendant of Pilgrim Richard Warren. Becky served as state historian for 18 years, from 1989 to 2007, completing applications for 167 members. Burt joined the Nebraska Society in 1977, a descendant of Pilgrims John Howland and William Brewster. The Whedons also served the Society as Deputy Governor General and Assistant General for many years, traveling to Plymouth for Mayflower General Congress and to annual Board of Assistants meetings around the country. Becky died in Omaha on Jan. 16, 2011, age 84. Burt died in Omaha on April 27, 2011, age 88.

Scholarship applicants must be residents of Nebraska and U.S. citizens. Applicants will be evaluated by a written essay, GPA and class rank, ACT or SAT scores, honors received, school or volunteer activities, employment, demonstrated leadership and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. Mayflower ancestry is not a requirement.

If you would like to make a donation to support the Nebraska Society's Burt and Becky Whedon Memorial Scholarship, you can make a donation on our website at www.NebraskaMayflower.org or send a check, payable to Nebraska Mayflower, to Treasurer Bob Harvey, 17503 V St., Omaha, NE 68135.

2023 General Congress Meeting: Sept 8-13 in Plymouth

The upcoming 43rd General Society of Mayflower Descendants General Congress will be held this fall, September 8-13, in Plymouth Massachusetts. There are lots of fun activities to attend for members and their families, including tours to Boston and whale watching. Please register as soon as you can at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants website as space is limited. If you have any questions, you can reach out to me at nebraskamayflower@gmail.com.

Annual Dues

Annual Members were sent dues notices in February. Annual Dues are \$45. Thanks to everyone who has paid their 2023 dues.

If you haven't paid yet, please pay now, either at our website or by sending a check, payable to the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants, to **Bob Harvey, 17503 V St, Omaha, NE 68135.**

Questions about dues? Please contact our Treasurer, Bob Harvey, at nsmdtreasurer@gmail.com

SAVE THESE DATES!

Fall 2023 Meeting

Our Society's Fall 2023 Meeting is scheduled for November 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Spring 2024 Meeting

Our Spring 2024 Meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 25, the fourth Sunday in April.

Treasurer's Report - Balance Sheet and Income Statement Bob Harvey

	Feb 28, 23	Sep 30, 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
10000 · Cash		
10001 · UBT Checking	15,055.01	13,846.17
10002 · PayPal	2,167.83	3,756.56
Total 10000 · Cash	17,222.84	17,602.73
Total Checking/Savings	17,222.84	17,602.73
Accounts Receivable		
11000 · Membership Dues Receivable	4,110.00	1,480.00
Total Accounts Receivable	4,110.00	1,480.00
Other Current Assets		
12000 · Prepaid Application Fees	875.00	0.00
13000 · Undeposited Funds	2,000.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	2,875.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	24,207.84	19,082.73
Other Assets		
18000 · Marketable Securities		
18001 · Principal Balance	20,261.84	16,636.84
18002 · Unrealized Gain (Loss)	-2,361.38	-3,437.42
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities	17,900.46	13,199.42
Total Other Assets	17,900.46	13,199.42
TOTAL ASSETS	42,108.30	32,282.15
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity	42,108.30	32,282.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	42,108.30	32,282.15

	Oct '22 - Feb 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · Membership Dues	5,345.00
41000 · Application Fees	2,780.00
42000 · Individual Contributions	2,028.75
43000 · Interest Income	32.34
44000 · Miscellaneous Income	
44001 · Centennial Anniversary Income	1,330.00
Total 44000 · Miscellaneous Income	1,330.00
45000 · Meals	2,030.00
46000 · Reinstatement & Transfer Fees	30.00
Total Income	13,576.09
Gross Profit	13,576.09
Expense	
51000 · Banking Fees	224.33
52000 · Application Expense	3,375.00
53000 · Newsletter Expense	210.03
54000 · Meetings Expense	1,855.63
55000 · Miscellaneous Expense	
55001 · Centennial Anniversary Expense	1,741.65
55000 · Miscellaneous Expense - Other	239.05
Total 55000 · Miscellaneous Expense	1,980.70
57000 · Website Expense	44.99
58000 · Supplies Expense	125.30
Total Expense	7,815.98
Net Ordinary Income	5,760.11
Net Income	5,760.11

Membership Report

We began 2022 with 271 members. During the year, we added 17 new members and 3 reinstatements. We lost 2 members who transferred, 7 who died, 2 who resigned and 11 who were dropped for non-payment of dues.

Current membership is 269. Of those, 206 are annual members; 63 are life members. There are no changes in membership since Jan. 1, 2023.

Martin Beerman, Historian

Donation Report

Listed below are all donations received since the last report in the Fall 2022 Pilgrim News. Please direct questions to NSMD Treasurer Bob Harvey (nsmdtreasurer@gmail.com)

We are grateful for the ongoing donations received from our members! Because of the increase in General Society dues from \$15 to \$35 in 2021, the Nebraska Society has a financial challenge: to pay national dues each year for our life members. While the society has modified how it handles investments, we also ask our Life Members to consider a donation to sustain our society, if you are in a position to do so.

Donations Report Bob Harvey

Gretchen Harvey	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	175.00
Rebecca Martin	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	145.00
Cynthia Rademacher	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	120.00
Trudy Schlumberger	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	100.00
Jesse Harding	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	100.00
Richard Moore	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	93.00
Cheryl Clark	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	90.00
Kay Janulewicz	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	80.00
Kathryn Morrissey	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	75.00
Margaret Reinert	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	60.00
Alfred Ericson	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	50.00
John Reinert	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	50.00
Tiffany Boucher	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	45.00
Verla Ringenberg	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	45.00
Stephanie Donsig	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	40.00
Susan Rice	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	40.00
Judy Ekeler	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	35.00
Robert Laughlin	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	35.00
John Keller	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	30.00
Thomas Masters	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	20.00
Leon Messenger	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	10.00
Judith Moore	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	10.00
Charles Robinson	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	10.00
Dennis Clare	2022 Fall Silent Auction	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	5.00
Charles Robinson	donation Included with Meals payment	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	50.00
Cheryl Clark	General Donation	Program	100.00
Robert Laughlin	General Donation	Program	100.00
Milada Henke	general donation (paid with dues)	Program	45.00
Judith Mori	general donation (with dues)	Program	5.00
Thomas Masters	General donation for scholarship	Whedon Memorial Scholarship	50.00
Vernita Bramwell	Life Member Donation	Program	50.00
Linda Hawke	Life member donation	Program	35.00
Kathryn Morrissey	Memo pads donation	Program	130.75
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Silent Auction Items for Fall 2023 Meeting

Our silent auction at the fall meeting helps raise a significant part of the funds for each year's Whedon Scholarship. Our plans for Fall 2023 are no different and so we'd like to encourage you to start looking now for suitable items. Inexpensive items are needed and items with a connection to the Mayflower or the Pilgrims who sailed on her often attract interest. Your support for the auction is essential to keeping the Whedon Scholarship, now in its ninth year, going strong!

Membership News

Colleen Marie Bowles, M.D., formerly of Golden, Colo., has relocated to the U.S. Virgin Islands. She has generously shared this family photo. This time of year, we can all appreciate the appeal of warm weather and time spent at a beach.

Colleen is a descendant of Pilgrim William Bradford and joined the Nebraska Society in 2006. She is pictured with her mom and kids on the beach in Frederiksted.

We welcome news from other members!

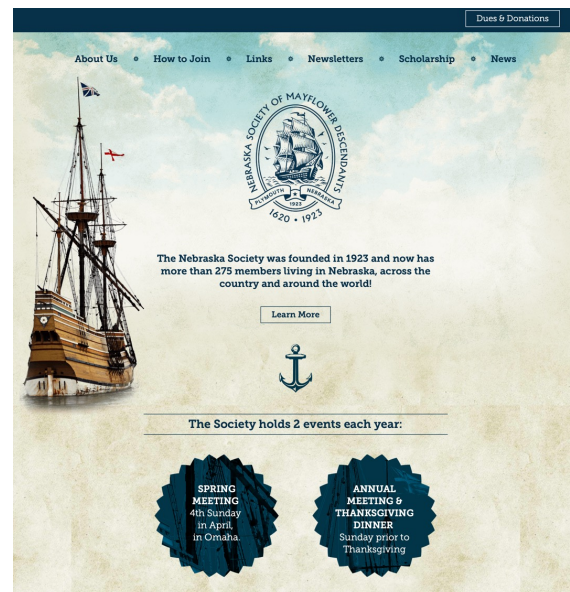


Jesse Harding unveiling our new logo



In honor of the 100th Anniversary of our charter, Jesse Harding, a Board of Assistants member and professional graphic designer, created a new logo for our society, as you can see in this newsletter. Here he is unveiling it at the Fall 2022 meeting.

Visit NebraskaMayflower.org



Our Nebraska Society website has the latest news, past issues of *Pilgrim News*, links to other Mayflower-related websites, a link to pay dues, and more! We're on Facebook, too! Like us at www.facebook.com/nebraskamayflower



Pilgrim News

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Plant A Legacy Tree With Us in Omaha on April 22nd

Join us as we plant a Bur Oak tree in Omaha's historic Hanscom Park! This commemoration of the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendant's 100th anniversary will take place on **Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am**, barring bad weather. Our celebration coincides with both Earth Day and Arbor Day, so members have even more reason to come and turn a shovel of soil!

Hanscom Park, at 3201 Woolworth Avenue, was donated to the City of Omaha in 1872. We selected it as the site for our legacy tree because – like us – Hanscom is historic. Founded with a gift of 50 acres, the park features an ornamental garden, walking paths, fountain, lakes, a dog park, a gazebo and pavilion. Also within its boundaries is the Gerald R. Ford Birthsite and Gardens.

Why an oak? The Mayflower was built of English White Oak. Unfortunately, that's not a species recommended for Nebraska. However, the Bur Oak is similar as it's very large, reaching 75' tall and 60' wide at maturity. With a potential life span of 200-300 years, our members might be celebrating our 200th and 300th anniversaries beneath its strong and majestic branches. Arborists describe the Bur Oak as, "very tough and reliable." Our pilgrim ancestors may have been characterized the same way!

Please note that we do not yet know the exact location where our tree will be planted. Reaching this location might involve walking an unknown distance over irregular terrain.

If you are interested in attending this special anniversary event, please contact Kathryn Morrissey by **April 15** for details. See the directory of officers for Kathryn's contact information.