

Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony News – September 3, 2018 –

Greetings from your Lt. Governor !!

As you'll see when you read the rest of this newsletter, we've been pretty busy since we last communicated with you.

My goal is to honor the customs of our society, while offering more opportunities for us to interact with each other. I also approach my position from the philosophy of expanding our membership by all of us engaging our family members who are not yet members, but are eligible.

Please communicate our efforts and activities to your offspring, your siblings, your parents, your nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, (paper boy, letter carrier, landscaper, dry cleaner,) etc. Get them to join you at (or better yet **BRING** you to) our events. Once they meet us, of course, they'll be hooked, right?



Check your closets and file drawers

Does anyone have anything that belongs to the Colony in their possession such as banners, flags, photos, scrapbooks, correspondence, or records of any kind? Does anyone have a complete copy of the colony by-laws?



Colony Project – Group Activities

It is your Lt. Governor's goal that – in addition to our two mandated gatherings per year – we have one or two additional gatherings per year that are strictly social events. This would especially include activities that could attract our family members who are eligible for membership in the Mayflower Society so they can see that, not only do we honor and commemorate our Pilgrim ancestors and their lives, but we have **FUN** while doing it !!

Possibilities that have been suggested include

- an annual "Family Reunion"-type event
- a Dinner Cruise on a paddle wheeler
- a tour of the GulfQuest Museum
- a tour of the Mobile Carnival Museum
- a gathering at the Fort of Colonial Mobile and a Duck Boat tour
- a Pilgrim-themed scavenger hunt
- more "Meet-&-Eats" at unique eating establishments in Mobile and Baldwin Counties and even other counties in South Alabama.

Your feedback is welcome. Just send an e-mail message or call Kevin with your thoughts and ideas. His contact info is at end of this letter.

Our upcoming Colony activities are:

- An afternoon adventure on a wooden sailing vessel on Saturday, September 22, 2018. See the flyer that's attached to the e-mail or inside the envelope that brought you this newsletter.
- A Meet-&-Eat at Barefoot Island Grill in Orange Beach, Alabama, on Saturday, September 22, 2018. See the flyer that's attached to the e-mail or inside the envelope that brought you this newsletter.
- Our Caleb Johnson / Compact Day Seminar in Mobile, Alabama, on November 10, 2018. See the flyer that's attached to the e-mail or inside the envelope that brought you this newsletter.
- A Meet-&-Eat the evening of our Caleb Johnson / Compact Day Seminar at a restaurant in downtown Mobile on November 10, 2018. Details later.



Colony Project – Stuff to Sell

We are always looking at different Mayflower-themed items for the Colony to sell to grow our treasury so as to not have to worry about the cost of our activities.

We will SOON be taking orders for our first 3 t-shirt designs.

www.MayflowerShirts.com

A fund-raising endeavor of the Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony

Keep checking on the website in the days to come. It will be **LIVE** very soon!



Colony Project – 2020 Mardi Gras Float

We are currently exploring the possibility and feasibility of having a Mayflower replica Mardi Gras float for the 2020 and maybe even as soon as the 2019 carnival season. Plus, we would enter the float in any other area parades that will have us (Christmas parade, St. Patrick's Day parade, Labor Day parade, etc.)

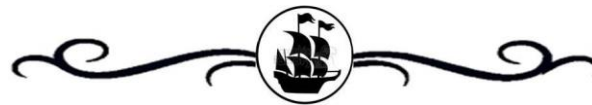
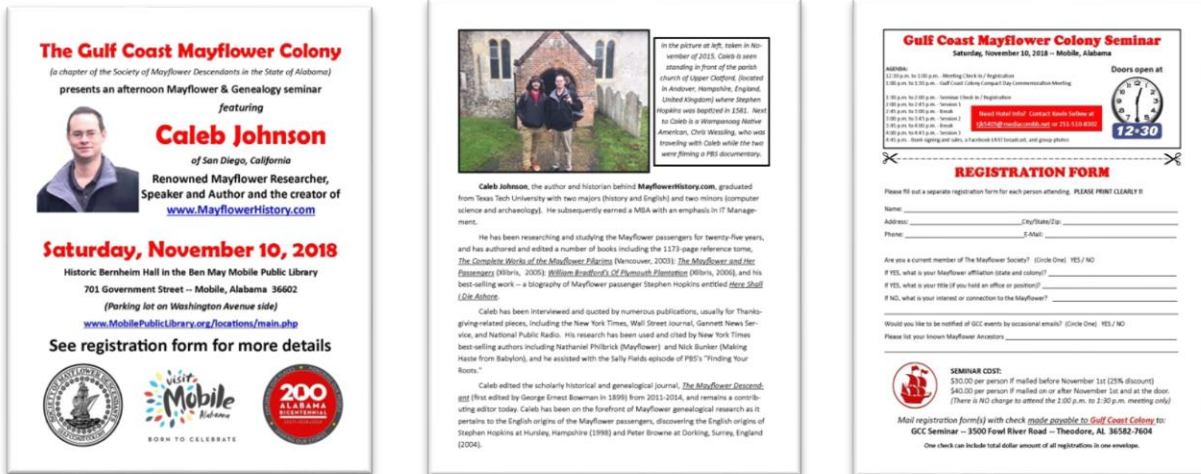
If Mardi Gras is in your blood and you would like to work on this project, contact Kevin Sellew.

The California Mayflower Society intends to enter a float in the 2020 Rose Bowl Parade. Guess they overheard us.



Colony Project – An Educational Seminar

It's happening!! See the 3-page flyer that's attached to the e-mail or inside the envelope that brought you this newsletter. Here's a sample:



Colony Project – Pedigrees of Famous Alabamians

Kevin has created family trees for these "famous" Alabamians in the hopes of finding Mayflower ancestors. Not all were born in Alabama, but they are all identified with our great state in one way or another.

1. AJ McCarron (Brewster descendant)
2. Alabama Band members
3. Alabama Governor Kay Ivey
4. Auburn Head Coach Gus Malzahn
5. Channing Tatum
6. Congressman Bradley Byrne
7. Courtney Cox
8. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions
9. Jim Nabors
10. Jimmy/Lucy Buffett
11. Lucas Black

12. Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson
13. The Band Perry members
14. Bobby Goldsboro
15. Tallulah Bankhead
16. Kenny Stabler

Can you think of any others?

If you are willing to help with this project, please contact Kevin. You would have to have online access to work on this project.



Colony Project – Mayflower Flyers Distribution

If you would be willing to help Kevin with distributing Mayflower flyers to libraries, archives and other appropriate venues around South Alabama, please let him know. Here's a sample image of the flyer:



A full-size version is attached to the e-mail or inside the envelope that brought you this newsletter. Feel free to make copies and pass them on to Mayflower eligible people who live in our neck of the woods. You could also post one on bulletin boards you encounter, like community boards in stores and at your place of work, house of worship or school (but only if they allow outside materials).



Colony Project – Virtual Speakers

At the May 19th meeting, Kevin talked about how rare it is to find speakers in our local area who can speak on Mayflower related topics and expressed his desire to bring speakers to our meetings virtually – meaning by video over the internet in real time – meaning LIVE !! We're working on the possibilities.

If you have expertise in this area, your input would be **greatly** appreciated. Contact Kevin.



Any Quilters Out There?

We want to have a Mayflower/Pilgrim-themed quilt made to use for a Colony fund-raiser. If you can help with this project, please contact Kevin Sellew.



DAR/SAR Patriot to Passenger Project

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has done extensive work creating a list of DAR/SAR Patriots who have Mayflower ancestry. Your Colony has endeavored to make this project known to all the DAR and SAR chapters in the State of Alabama in the hopes that it might help grow our membership.

Brenda Gouge (SMDAL Deputy Governor and GCC Secretary) distributed flyers that our Colony created at the recent Alabama DAR Conference. In addition, she e-mailed information to all DAR chapters in the state while Kevin Sellew did the same for the SAR chapters.

If you know anyone in the DAR or SAR, please make sure they know about this project.

www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/patriot-to-passenger

Here's an image of the flyer we've been distributing:



NEHGS has a new Mayflower Page



The New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston has erected a new section on their site devoted to the Pilgrims and the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage. If you are a Mayflower descendant, you can add yourself to this page:

<https://Mayflower.AmericanAncestors.org/>



Did You Know? ...

- ... that you can purchase solid bronze medallions to affix to gravestones that indicate the deceased is a Mayflower descendant? One is available for those who are/were a member of GSMD and a different one is available for those who never were a member (like our ancestors born before 1899). Go to the GSMD website at www.TheMayflowerSociety.org, then click on SHOP > MEMBERS ONLY > INSIGNIA & GRAVE MARKERS. Before you can shop in the Members Only area, you must set up an account on the website.
- ... that you can check out the websites and Facebook pages of other Mayflower State Societies and Colonies? They are all listed at www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/join/contact-your-member-society
- ... that you can read all about The Mayflower Society's take on using DNA in Mayflower family history research at: www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/members-only/partnerships/gsm-d-and-ftdna
- ... that The Mayflower Society has partnered with and endorsed many Pilgrim Family Societies? You can check out all of them at: www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/the-pilgrims/family-societies



Feel Free to Pass It On !!

You can forward this newsletter to others who you know are potential members of SMDAL and GCC. Just make sure they see that **YOU** forwarded it to them. We don't want any SPAM complaints. Also, please print it out and provide it to your offline family members who are eligible for Mayflower Society membership.



What Our Mayflower Neighbors Are Doing

- Capital Colony Compact Day Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on Saturday, October 6, 2018. See the Capital Colony newsletter that is attached to the e-mail or in the envelope that brought you this newsletter.
- Alabama State Society Compact Day Meeting on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at The Club located at 1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35209, starting at 11:00 a.m. For updates and additional details, watch www.AlabamaMayflowerSociety.com.
- Louisiana Mayflower Society Compact Day Luncheon in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Sunday, November 4, 2018. More details when we get them.



Do YOU Have An E-mail Address That We Don't Have?

We are **happy** to send our communications to you in the mail if you cannot be contacted via the internet.

However, if you received this newsletter in the mail, but you have an e-mail address and a desktop, laptop or tablet computer, **PLEASE** allow us to send your communications via e-mail. We are all volunteers and printing and mailing newsletters and flyers takes time and money.

You'll also receive information sooner than by postal mail.

Also, please make sure that we always have accurate contact information for you, including physical/mailling address, city/state/zip, phone numbers, and e-mail address.

Lastly, on a somber note for Society members only, please make sure that your family knows to notify the Mayflower Society (through your Colony or State organization) upon your passing.



Current Colony Officers:

Lt. Governor: **Kevin Sellew** – Bayley’s Corner, Mobile, Alabama, USA

Asst. Lt. Governor: (Vacant)

Secretary: **Brenda Gouge** – Andalusia, Covington, Alabama, USA

Treasurer: **Jane Lies** – Pensacola, Escambia, Florida, USA

Elder: **Roger McCay** – Monroeville, Monroe, Alabama, USA

Captain: **Jeremy Sellew** – Bayley’s Corner, Mobile, Alabama, USA

Facebook Page Admins:

Lee Myers Getzinger – Mandeville, St. Tammany, Louisiana, USA

Kevin Sellew – Bayley’s Corner, Mobile, Alabama, USA



Until next time, I remain...

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Yours in Kindred Spirit,

Kevin Sellew

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VISIT Our Gulf Coast Colony Webpage:
www.GulfCoastMayflowerColony.org

CHECK OUT Our Gulf Coast Colony Shirt Shop:
www.MayflowerShirts.com (Coming **VERY** soon. Keep checking.)

LIKE and **FOLLOW** Our Gulf Coast Colony Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/GulfCoastMayflowerColony



VISIT Our State Society Website:
www.AlabamaMayflowerSociety.com

JOIN Our State Society Facebook Group:
www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaMayflowerSociety

FOLLOW Our State Society Twitter Feed:
www.twitter.com/ALMayflower or @ALMayflower

VISIT Our National Society Website:
www.TheMayflowerSociety.org

VISIT Caleb Johnson's Website:
www.MayflowerHistory.com

VISIT the Plimoth Plantation Website:
www.Plimoth.org

VISIT the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Website:
MashpeeWampanoagTribe-nsn.gov/

