

# Mayflower News

## From the Governor

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We had 27 attend our Mayflower Compact Meeting in November. This included 19 members, a junior member, a prospective member, 5 spouses and our guest speaker. We enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and seeing slides of the Annual Mayflower Ball in New York City. Gail Darling, one of our new members, attended and brought back photos to delight us with her experience. I have attached some of these photos to this newsletter. Our speaker, Dr. Clark Wernecke, presented data and history of the Gault Archaeological Site in Florence, Texas. We have a significant site right in our own backyard and Dr. Wernecke brought it into focus.

There are tours offered at the Gault Site. We discussed a tour as our winter gathering. Tours are offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays each month. I have picked Jan 24<sup>th</sup> as a good date for us to take the tour. Each person attending needs to make a reservation on their website: <https://www.gaultschool.org/tours>. Cost of the tour is \$20 per person. There doesn't seem to be a limit on the number in a tour group. If you are interested, purchase your ticket and let me know that you are attending. The tour takes place for two hours starting at 10am. We can all meet together after the tour for lunch at a restaurant in Georgetown called Tony & Luigi's, serving Italian cuisine.

Our colony scholarship is available to any child or grandchild of a colony member who is graduating from high school in 2026. The deadline for applying is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Download the packet

material and application form at our colony page on the Texas Society website: <https://www.texasmayflower.com/central-tx-colony>. We will announce the winner of the scholarship at our May luncheon.

Our colony is hosting the Texas Society State Meeting March 27-28, 2026. We have contracted with the Marriott Hotel in Round Rock as the venue for the meeting. The theme for the meeting is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and also from Compact to Constitution. The Saturday luncheon speaker will be a Mercy Otis Warren reenactor. Governor General Lisa Pennington will be the Saturday night Keynote Speaker. We may be small in size compared to Houston, Dallas and San Antonio colonies, but we can run with the big dogs. Janiece Lee and treasurer Diane Christensen are heading up the planning for this event. The whole colony can be involved in making this State Meeting a success. See in the table below who has already volunteered to help and what kinds of help is needed. Contact me to add your name.

I have also added photos at the end of the newsletter from our corresponding secretary Kim Muth and her husband Paul who traveled to Henlow and Fenstanton in England to visit the ancestral village of her Mayflower passenger John Howland.

Enjoy this holy season and forward to 2026.

*Susan*

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Jan 24, 2026: Tour at Gault Site followed by lunch at Tony & Luigi's in Georgetown**
- **March 27-28, 2026 Annual State Meeting in Round Rock**
- **May 16, 2026 Colony Meeting & Luncheon at Balcones Country Club**
- **Summer Social Gathering date and place to be announced**
- **November 21, 2026 Mayflower Compact Meeting at Balcones Country Club**

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## Committees for State Meeting (Who We Have So Far)

- Planning and Logistics: Janiece Lee, Diane Christensen, Susan Goldsworthy
- Décor (table decorations for meals, registration table, direction signs): Helen Bohmfalk, Janis Keene, Susan Armer, Beth Corbett
- Goodie Bags (one for every registrant; Susan has examples from previous meetings): Janis Keene, Wanda Reynolds, Nancy Branstiter, Joyce Campbell, Pamela Collier. Beth Corbett
- Registration (1-2 hr shifts during state meeting; hand out name tags/goodie bags): Beth Corbett, chair, David Armer, Jill Wyman, Shirley Doering, Jill Cornelius
- Field Trip to Bob Bullock Museum (escort to and from hotel): David Armer

## Annual Mayflower Compact Meeting & Luncheon November 15, 2025

Back: Nancy Branstiter, guest Katy King, Gail Darling, Susan Goldsworthy; front: Jill Wyman, speaker Dr Clark Wernecke, Janiece Lee, junior member Sammy Watson



Back: Barbara & Bill Lezette; front: Beth & John Corbett, Lynne Maddox, Helen Bohmfalk



Shirley Doering, Diane Christensen, Ed & Mary Bradford, Pamela Collier



Jill Cornelius selected the First Thanksgiving print from the raffle table

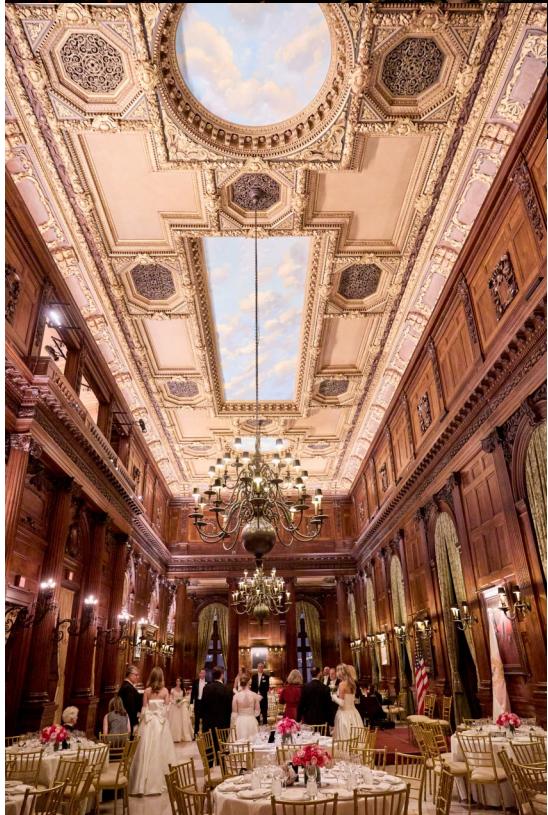


Back: Randy Reynolds, Joyce Campbell, Jill Cornelius, Janis Keene, David Armer; front: Betty Prince, Wanda Reynolds, Susan Armer

## Highlights of Mayflower Ball in New York City November 8, 2025



Gail Darling on the right attended the ball and brought back these images of the glamorous affair.



## Highlights of Kim Muth's Trip to England November 2025



Kim Muth and her husband Paul traveled to Henley and Fenstanton in England to visit the site where John Howland lived before his famous Mayflower journey.

