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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

This year, 2016, offers more opportunity for learning experiences and adventures.

I have contacted Plimoth Plantation and there will be a day to experience the Mauflower II in Mystic as it undergoes repairs. We had a wonderful speaker last year and an eye-opening tour of the ship. Watch for more information about this on our website under the events tab.

July 16-17 is the date for our next overnight at Plimoth Plantation. It was a thrilling experience to dress and live like a Pilgrim for those who participated last year. Please let me know if you will attend. We must have ten people to make this work.

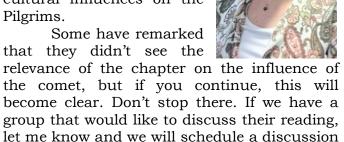
The Windsor Trading Post is still in the front of all our activities. Brian Jones, the State Archaeologist, will be the speaker at our April 23 meeting. You will want to attend and see the treasures that were unearthed at our dig in July on 2015. I have been volunteering at UCONN on Mondays to clean and sort items from various digs. Brian will speak about our efforts and what the future holds for our quest. You won't want to miss this program.

We got a lovely letter of thanks for all of the egg cartons and drier lint that were delivered to the Plantation. They have enough of those for now. The next item is small clean glass jars. The can range from baby food size to spaghetti sauce size. If you will bring a clean one to the April meeting, I will get them to the Plantation. The cap is nice, but not necessary. These will be used for their Christmas/winter program next year.

Are you reading Nick Bunker's Making Haste from Babylon? is It wonderful presentation of recent research into the economic, social and cultural influences on the Pilgrims.

Some have remarked that they didn't see the relevance of the chapter on the influence of

group meeting.



Do you have ideas or thoughts about activities, adventures, etc. that you would like to see us organize? Please let me know.

Again, thank you to all who donate items to the raffle table at our meetings as well as those who buy the tickets. The past two meetings have seen the raffle raise a bit \$1000 for scholarships. really over I appreciate your support in this endeavor to assist young people in their educational pursuits. Thank you very much.

The scholarship winners will be present at the April meeting. This is an opportunity to meet these young adults who will receive the benefits of your generosity to the scholarship fund.

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O deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our deceased members. May God be with them on their final voyage.

Governor's Message cont'd from page 1
My email address has changed to mbrown06239@gmail.com. Please contact me

with all of your thoughts, concerns and opinions.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Governor.

Sincerely, *Mary Brown*

2020 Logo Depicts the Voyage of the Mayflower

With the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower* occurring in the year 2020, we have a unique opportunity to educate current generations about the trip our ancestors undertook in 1620. As part of the 2020 celebration, the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants has approved the following logo to help educate the public on the voyage of the *Mayflower*.



The logo utilizes the 0's in 2020 to show parts of the globe; England, where the *Mayflower's* voyage originated, and New England, where the voyage concluded. The logo is geographically correct and shows the ship traveling east to west, from England to New England.

We have created a selection of moderately priced quality items that display the logo, which make excellent Christmas gifts. The products are available on our website CTMayflower.org. The proceeds from each purchase help our scholarship fund.

Help Wanted

Do you have experience organizing events for social, educational or fundraising purposes? We would like to hear from you as we consider events to celebrate 2020. Please submit your experiences and interests to Mary Brown at mbrown06239@gmail.com. Thank you.

State Archaeologist to Speak at April Meeting

WELCOME DR. BRIAN D. JONES!

Dr. Jones became CT's State Archaeologist on July 18, 2014. He heads the CT Office of State Archaeology and works at the CT State Museum of Natural History and Archaeology Center in Storrs, CT. responsibilities include cultural resource preservation, reviews of economic development proposals assist that municipal governments, state-wide site visits and field reviews, responding to land manager and public inquiries, providing technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and archeological field work and collection of archaeological materials. He is also an Assistant Professor at the University of CT, Department of Anthropology.

Dr. Jones has worked in the field of archaeology for more than 25 years. In 1986, he received his bachelor's degree in anthropology from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. He received his Ph.D. from the University of CT in 1992. He worked as the Supervisor of Field Archaeology at the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation between 1998 and 2004 and later as the

Associate Director of UMass Archaeological Services in Amherst, MA. His primary research has focused on the archaeology of northeastern Native American cultures. He

is also experienced in the study of geoarchaeology and stone tool analysis.

In a 2014 interview confirming his new position, Dr. Jones noted, "While the position has many interesting responsibilities, what I look forward to most is working closely with the public and continuing to raise awareness about the importance of Connecticut's ancient and historic past. The traces of people's lives are abundant beneath our feet, but they are fragile, and the only way to guarantee their preservation is through sincere public interest."

As State Archaeologist, Dr. Jones also assists the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center staff in planning archaeological exhibits and programs, as well curating the University as Connecticut's anthropological collections. Additionally, he provides public education throughout the state.

We hope you are able to attend our April

luncheon to meet Dr. Jones and learn more about his fascinating work!



The Clothing Project Women's Waistcoat

Ellen Swayne

In our March 2015 issue of *Gratings*, we supplied directions for making an apron and a skirt, with a promise of more to come.

Now for the women's waistcoat. We have built up to this clothing piece for your outfit, starting with the apron and then moving on in complexity through the shift. Now we address the perhaps, well yes, most challenging piece of the women's outfit. Let's look at a few design particulars.

First, you might think about color. Pictures are worth a thousand words. If you do a Google images search for 'Plimoth clothing' you will find pictures of many outfits on interpreters at Plimoth Notice the variations and Plantation. similarities. The colors, as we discussed in Volume 35, Issue 2 of this newsletter, are many. Some of the waistcoats have contrasting colors in their trims. waistcoats have no trim. Important to notice is that the colors are muted. Dyes at that time were natural, more muted than options today, and garments often faded as well. So, with all this in mind, select a color.

While observing all the photos from your Google search, notice the waistcoat's general style. It's a fitted garment, shaped the waist. This shaping accomplished by sewing triangular pieces called gussets into the skirt of the waistcoat. The neckline is plain. The sleeves are slim, capped at the top by 'wings.' The front is closed by a row of many buttons, hidden hooks and eyes, or tied ribbons. Some waistcoats have trimembellished seams. Some have contrasting thread as a sort of top These are all choices to have fun considering for your waistcoat.

Next, there is fabric. Most of us will be wearing our outfits indoors with modern heating. A wool waistcoat can be too warm for the wearer. Linen or linenweight cotton are better options for comfort.

Now, for the pattern. Much to our disappointment, there is no commercially available pattern for a women's early 17th There are some for century waistcoat. times (Elizabethan) earlier or later (Cavalier), but not one exactly for us. We do have options. First, perhaps you have a well fitting modern jacket pattern that could be adapted. This can work quite Another option is to use a nicely. commercial historical costume pattern that can be tweaked a bit. Reconstructing (www.reconstructinghistory.com) offers some. A third option is to draft a pattern vourself from Janet Arnold's book Patterns of Fashion 3. Whichever option you choose will require some adjustments. trying on, and further adjustments, so we recommend that you start out using muslin. Mary Brown has done this and then used the resulting piece as a pattern for the final garment and as the lining for the waistcoat.

Making the women's waistcoat is a fun project. Mary and I have made several, each time changing our approach a bit, tweaking here and there, and having fun with it. We wish you a fun adventure as well. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments as you go along please feel free to contact either of us. We would like very much to hear how your project is progressing.

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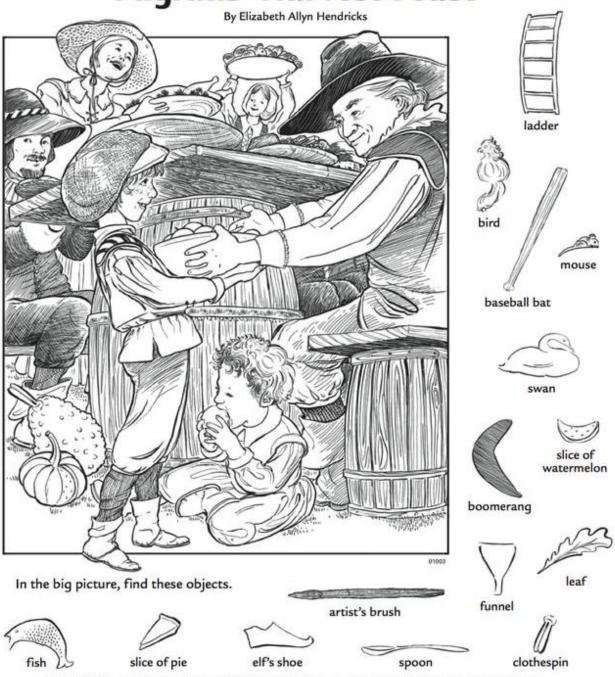
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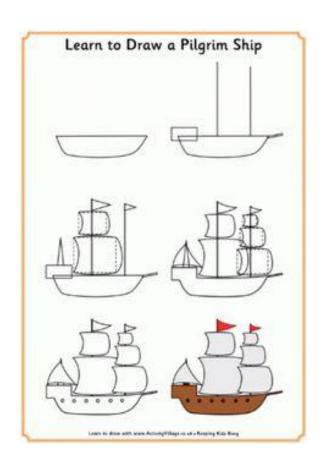
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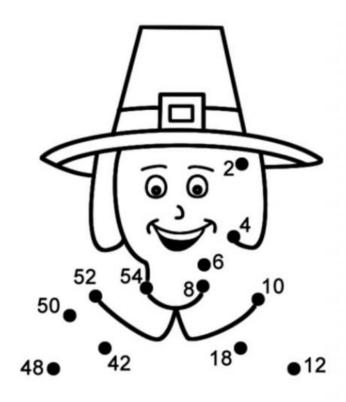
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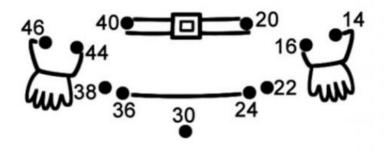
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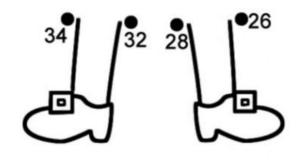


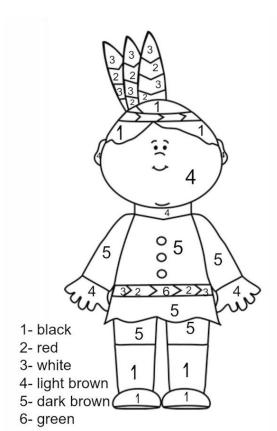
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BI-ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 23, 2016 SOCIAL HOUR AT 11 LUNCHEON & MEETING AT NOON

Our luncheon will be held at Adams Mill Restaurant, 165 Adams St., Manchester, CT 06042 (860-646-4039)

Directions:

Going east on I-84 from Hartford: Take Exit 62; at the end of the exit turn right onto Buckland Street. Continue on Buckland for just over a mile (Buckland turns into Adams Street by the Manchester Honda dealership). The restaurant is on the left.

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From Route 91 (North or South): Take Exit 35A onto Route 291 East. Continue on 291 to exit 5 (Tolland Turnpike). At the end of the exit, turn left at the light and go approximately one-half mile to the intersection of the Tolland Turnpike – Buckland Street and Adams Street. Turn right onto Adams Street (by the Manchester Honda dealership). The restaurant is on the left.

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Lemon Rosemary Chicken, \$23	Baked Stuffed Shrimp, \$28
Prime Rib of Beef, \$28	Pasta Primavera, \$23
Total \$ Enclosed	Select from Child's Menu, \$10
	(12 & under)
Dinners include: Garden salad, dinner rolls, potato, coffee, tea, and dessert. There is a cash bar. Nonalcoholic punch and complimentary cheese tray will be served during the social hour.	
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