

Mayflower Junior Journal

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This is the inaugural issue of the Mayflower Junior Journal. We encourage all of our State Junior Chairmen to submit ideas, articles, and photos to this journal. It is about your juniors and ways for you to enhance your Junior Program.

A Day To Honor The Memory Of Our Pilgrim Ancestors

Joan Reed Miller of the Pennsylvania Society tells us that in Pennsylvania a Junior Chair assumes the responsibility to encourage participation of Junior members in two yearly events; namely, an annual picnic and a Thanksgiving Service.

The Thanksgiving Service Program is the responsibility of the Elder who selects two or three churches for the SMDPA Board of Assistance to decide upon one and then vote. Members are asked to bring their children, grandchildren, etc. to the Service to march down the Church aisle, dressed in 17th century Pilgrim attire, carrying baskets of canned goods to place at the altar, being lead by a junior drummer.

This year the Miller family Thanksgiving will also be celebrating a granddaughter's birthday because her birth date falls on the same day. I have asked her, during our family Thanksgiving gathering, to share the name and a bit of history on one of her junior Mayflower Ancestors who arrived in 1620.

Perhaps other Junior Chair/Committee members will share your Thanksgiving Program plans and/or family celebration on giving **thanks** to our Pilgrim Mayflower ancestors for **giving** us this special day in their memory.

Want to dress your little Pilgrims or yourself? Please go to the Members Only section on the GSMD website. Under committees, click on Education. The newsletters will have a series of patterns to make clothing - simply adjust for the size of your junior.

Virtual Tours

We recommend the following virtual tours can be used with your juniors

http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/

http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/webcast.htm

http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/daily_life/

http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/voyage/tour.htm

<http://www.plimoth.org/learn/MRL/watch>

<http://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids>

[http://www.plimoth.org/learn/MRL/interact/thanksgiving-interactive-you-](http://www.plimoth.org/learn/MRL/interact/thanksgiving-interactive-you-are-historian)

[are-historian](http://www.plimoth.org/learn/MRL/interact/thanksgiving-interactive-you-are-historian)

Books

Book discussion groups are fun if you want to set aside a few minutes before your meeting. There are many youth titles about the Mayflower. You should check them for accuracy of information. Some of the most popular have some errors in them. Your resources to check information are Bradford's *Of Plymouth Plantation*; *Mourt's Relations*; *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travelers and Sojourners*; or *Making Haste From Babylon*.

The Pennsylvania junior committee is sharing directions for a garden flag or banner that you might have your juniors construct. For more info on this contact reedmiller107@yahoo.com.

Easy to make. One cloth color and usually one to two ink colors. Some use suction cups to put on windows, doors, etc.

Thinking about orange or brown cloth color, black ink silhouetting the simple design. Lettering, ex.: proud to be a Junior Mayflower member.



Greetings

Connecticut Junior receives a greeting card at Thanksgiving from the Connecticut Society. This is a bit pricey, for postage. We limit the mailings to birth through age 17 as at age 18 they are invited to convert to adult membership. At this time, Connecticut offers to pay the application fee to Plymouth for them. We usually have about 30% of our eligible juniors take advantage of this offer.

Some states send out a birthday greeting to their junior members on the birthdates. This is a good idea also. It keeps the juniors aware that the adult members care about them.

Interaction

We are eager to provide materials and ideas through this newsletter. Please participate and share with your fellow junior chairmen. Please contact Mary Brown mbrown@ct.metrocast.net; Ellen Swayne eswayne@comcast.net; Grace Bliss Smith graceme@comcast.net; Joan Reed Miller reedmiller107@yshoo.com; Linda White geniedar1@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.