

The Fuller Society Newsletter

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Greetings From Your Governor

Happy 2019! Exciting things are happening with our Society!

Plans for this year's annual meeting in September are underway. I know that you will enjoy spending time with your Fuller cousins and the history that the Philadelphia area has to offer. Meeting details and the reservation form will be in the July newsletter. A very special treat for the banquet venue, speaker and entertainment is being planned!

Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The hotel information can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

If you have high school seniors in your immediate family, now is the time to share the application for the Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship, which can be found in this newsletter. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of active members of the Fuller Society as of 12/31/18 are welcome to apply. If you are a new member this year and someone in your family wishes to apply, please contact me prior to their scholarship submission.

A commemorative 2020 Fuller Society pin and miniature insignia have been designed and sent to a jeweler for manufacturing. Many thanks to Assistant Bill Wenzel for lending his artistic talents to this endeavor! These items should be available for purchase later this year.

Please keep our friends at St. Mary's Redenhall church in your prayers as they struggle to preserve and maintain the church where our ancestors Edward and Samuel were baptized.

I hope to soon have some very exciting news to pass on regarding our 2020 meeting in Massachusetts.

I am honored and delighted to serve as your governor. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Society, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I can be reached via email at FullerSociety@aol.com or by phone at 717.512.3655. I'd love to hear from you! Warm regards, Debbie

Fuller Society 400 Mayflower UK Tour

12 July 2020 to 19 July 2020

The people of Harleston have arranged a special historical and cultural programme for our Friends in the Fuller Society to celebrate Mayflower 2020 together. We have produced an exciting itinerary of places to visit beginning and ending in London. We will see many places in London and East Anglia which played a major part in the story of the Pilgrims and the very beginning of America.

Day 1 – Arrival

Meet your Tour Manager at our chosen hotel in central London for a guided tour of the highlights of London in a private coach. We will see Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and other iconic buildings in London. Arrive back at the hotel for time to refresh before our introductory evening meal, where we can get to know each other, followed by coffee and an explanation of the itinerary for our time together. Meal D

Day 2 – Mayflower in London

We will travel by underground to Rotherhithe for the official guided tour of the London attractions included in the overall Mayflower 400 programme. We will see the churchyard where Captain Christopher Jones is buried, and a school dating back to the days of the Pilgrims. We rest for lunch at the Mayflower pub with an opportunity to sign the visitor's book, a privilege only offered to descendants of the Pilgrims. We will then travel to Bankside to continue our tour and see Shakespeare's Globe theatre, the Clink prison where separatists were imprisoned and many more interesting historic buildings. Meal B, L

Day 3 – Travel Through Time

We will leave London and travel by coach to Harleston with stops at historic sites on the way. We will stop for lunch and a tour of Otley Hall, the home of Bartholomew Gosnold, who sailed to America in 1607 and established the first English speaking colony in Virginia. We will then travel onwards for another stop at Sutton Hoo, considered the greatest archaeological discovery ever made in England to see the burial grounds of an Anglo Saxon king, before arriving at our chosen local hotel. We will have time to relax before our evening meal where you will have the opportunity to meet some

of the local people who have made this all possible. The total travelling time is about 4 hours. Meal B, L, D

Day 4 – Harwich and Harleston

We will travel by coach to Harwich for a guided tour. This is one of the designated destinations in the official Mayflower 400 programme. It is where the Mayflower is believed to have been built and was the home of Captain Christopher Jones. We will have lunch at The Alma Inn, the former home of Captain Jones' first wife. We will return to Harleston for a presentation of artwork recreating the town of 1600 and a guided tour to see many of these buildings still standing today. We will have dinner in a local public house dating back to 1584. Meal B, L, D

Day 5 – Kentwell and Lavenham

We will travel by coach to Lavenham for a guided tour. Lavenham is considered one of the best preserved medieval towns in the country. We will have lunch before moving on to Kentwell Hall, which is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. This was the family home to the Cloptons, one of whom married John Winthrop, one of the founders of the American city of Boston and the first Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. We will return to Harleston for dinner in another local public house dating back to 1551. Meal B, L, D

Day 6 – Norwich, Redenhall and English Ale

We will start the day with a visit to St Marys Church in Redenhall and make acquaintance with the plaque the Fuller Society donated back in 2011. We will then travel by coach to Norwich. We see a church where Robert Browne set up his separatist movement and another where John Robinson was a member of the clergy, we will even see a surviving Congregational Church. We will then drive to Bungay for a tour and dinner in a Hall dating back to 1280. This is now an award winning producer of English ale, don't worry if you do not drink alcohol, the brewery is also an award winner in non alcoholic beers. Meal B, L, D

Day 7 – Friends Forever

We board our coach for the journey back to London and a tour of American sites in London, to show how our long and lasting friendship remains and thrives today. Your final evening in London will be at leisure, and we will be very happy to make arrangements specific for you. The total travelling time is about 4 hours. Meal B, L

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2019 Dues Notice

Please check your mailing label for the last year you paid dues. If the year is 2018, your 2019 dues should now be paid. If you receive the newsletter via email, and would like to check your status, please email the Secretary at: LSHQuinter@aol.com

Dues are still \$10.00 Send dues to:

Linda Hoffman

42 Sugar Maple Lane, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Check payable to: The Fuller Society

or pay via PayPal on our website at www.TheFullerSociety.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Dues: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

Fuller Memorial Fund: \$ _____

Total Enclosed:

Thank you for your prompt payment of dues and your continued support of the Society's mission and educational goals!

The Fuller Society
2019 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Award Application

The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Awards are offered to 12th grade High School Students of *Fuller descent*. A total of \$1620 *may* be awarded with at least \$1000 to be awarded to the first place winner.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone : _____

High School: _____ Class Rank: _____ Of: _____

GPA (include grade transcript if available): _____

College You Plan to Attend: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

List extra curricular activities, honors and awards on a separate sheet.
Are you a Fuller Society member? _____ **If you are not a member, list the Name and your relationship to your relative that is a member.**

An original essay of at least 750 words written by the student must accompany the application. See Page 6 for this year's essay topic.
A copy of your college acceptance letter must also be included.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail all documents to be received by June 1, 2019 to:

Kimberly Skellie, Scholarship Chair
328 Skellie Rd, Greenwich NY 12834

“Thank you” to all who contribute to
The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship fund!



The essay topic for the 2019 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship is:

“Which Mayflower Pilgrim do you best identify with and why? How has this Pilgrim influenced the way you act and think about your abilities, education, talents and future goals?”

You are required to use and cite references for the Pilgrim chosen for your essay. You may not copy any text from outside sources. Sources must be cited in appropriate bibliographic form. Essays will be evaluated for accurate historical content, organization, and grammar. All essays should be 12 font and double spaced. Failure to comply with any of the Fuller Society Scholarship rules will cause the application to be disqualified.

The applicant must be an active member or descended from an active member as of 12/31/18 to be eligible to apply.



We will visit this new museum in Philadelphia during the
2019 Annual Meeting in September.

Fuller Website

www.TheFullerSociety.org

Do you know that dues can be paid on our website?

Donations may be made on the website too!

Some past newsletters can be found on the
'Past Newsletters' page. The current newsletter
can be found on the 'Members Only' page.

The password is Scituate.

Go Green! Help keep the dues \$10!

*Please consider receiving future newsletters via
email if you are receiving them through the US Mail.*

The newsletter is more interesting in color!

Do you have an article to submit for the newsletter?

*Would you like to share a story about one of your
Fuller ancestors or your Pilgrim experience?*

We are still looking for a new Newsletter Editor!

*If you are interested, please contact Debbie at
Fullersociety@aol.com.*

*Our current membership is 288 members.
Help us reach 400 members by 2020 for the 400th
Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower.*

Encourage your family members to join!

Membership makes a nice gift!

News from St. Mary's Church Redenhall England

Greetings Fullers,

Redenhall is waking up to another year with lots of snowdrops, aconites and daffodils in the churchyard. Many people wander about enjoying the peace there.

However, I have to report bad news. For several years the congregation of St. Mary's has been dwindling until now there are often fewer than 10 people at a service. This is for a variety of reasons, not least the inability of the Church of England to attract and retain younger generations. The membership of the Friends of St. Mary's has also declined so we have almost nobody willing to organise fund-raising. This matters because a building five centuries old needs constant maintenance and this specialist work is very expensive. In short, neither the parish nor the Friends can safeguard our church and the process of making it redundant has begun.

It will remain consecrated but the number of services will be greatly diminished. We are searching for an organisation willing to undertake responsibility for it but this is likely to be a lengthy process with no guarantee of success. I will keep you up-to-date with developments as they occur. I wish I had better news. Kind regards, Brenda



Annual Meeting Hotel Info

The 2019 Fuller Society Annual Meeting will be held in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area.

We will be based at the newly renovated Hyatt Place hotel located at 440 American Ave, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

Meeting Dates: **September 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2019**

Hotel reservations must be made by **August 1, 2019**.

To make reservations, call **484-690-3000** or use this link:

https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/pennsylvania/hyatt-place-philadelphia-king-of-prussia/phlzk?corp_id=G-TFSG

2 Queen beds: \$145.00 + 10% tax & fees

Please reference Fuller Society Group Block to receive the guaranteed room rate.

A Welcome Pizza Party is planned for Monday, September 16th at 5:30 pm at the hotel.

**** One person in your room must have membership in 'World of Hyatt' for all persons in the room to be eligible for free breakfast. Membership is free! Please sign up online.**



The Hyatt Place, King of Prussia, PA

Day 8 - Farewell

We will meet for breakfast and wave a fond farewell, until your next visit. Unless you decide to extend your stay in England. We will be available to help you with arrangements for any other places you may wish to visit. A more in depth look at one of London's world famous museums or arts galleries? Follow up the Mayflower theme with a trip to Scrooby or to Plymouth? Maybe you would like to see something different, the dreaming spires of Oxford, the Regency buildings of Bath or the site of the Battle of Hastings? We can help you find your way there or even arrange a personal guide.

Price Per Person: \$2,350 based on two people sharing a room.
Single supplement: \$700. Based on a group size of 20.

The package will include all local accommodation, transport, entrance fees, professional tour manager and guide fees and breakfast, lunch and most dinners throughout the entire trip. Meals provided are shown on the itinerary for each day. This is a complete package, there are no hidden extras, we know how annoying that can be when you are budgeting for a holiday. The price could fluctuate in the future depending on the exchange rate.

Please contact us by email to register an interest in the tour. We will acknowledge receipt and be in touch when the group size is known to determine the final price and payment arrangements.

Email: info@harlestonefuture.org.uk



Fuller members, this is a wonderful opportunity to see many Mayflower sites in England, especially the area from which our Fuller ancestors came. The people of Harleston are very proud of this history and I know you will enjoy the town and the people of Harleston and Redenhall as I did when I visited in 2011 when the Fuller Society plaque was dedicated in St. Mary's church.

I hope that you will consider taking this journey with me and other Fuller cousins in 2020. It is very well planned and offered at a most reasonable price.

Let's show the people of Harleston that we are just as proud of our Fuller heritage as they are to share their Fuller history with us.

After you confirm your interest to the email address above, please also email me at FullerSociety@aol.com and let me know.
Governor Debbie

Welcome, New Members!

Lindsay Kamm—HI

Charles Norris—OH

Carole Maida—MI

Jerome Pholen—IL

Stephen Gerth, Jr.—NY

Andrew St. Pierre—MA

Vickie Baker—WV

Elizabeth Needham—TX

Drucilla Swenson—GA

Louise Wagner—CT

Lisa Hartman—CO

Jennifer Stribley—IL

Robert Dolle—MN

Heather Runyon—NJ

Zachary Runyon—NJ

Karl Blackmun—CA

Joe Stamm—OH

Nancy Coffee—NJ

John Coffee—NJ

Judith Stansbury—IL

Welcome, New Members!

Maureen Carlson—CA

Melissa Gerber—NY

Dell Fuller—UT



America is poised for an anniversary of national and international significance, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony. The **Plymouth 400 Anniversary** will highlight America's founding story by focusing on the cultural contributions and American traditions that began with the interaction of the Wampanoag and English people, a story that significantly shaped the building of America.

Join the **Plymouth 400th** commemoration in 2020 through your artwork. The **Plymouth 400** is accepting submissions for the ***Plymouth 400 Art Contest***.

Art work in all mediums will be accepted

Various age/talent categories

All submitted Artwork will be showcased locally, nationally and internationally

Winners and runners up will be selected via panels of judges

Recognition and awards will be announced throughout 2020 and 2021

Application and details enclosed or go to our website

www.Plymouth400inc.org under on-going events.