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Greetings From Your Governor

I hope that you enjoyed your holidays. Happy New Year to all! Winter has been quite strange in PA this year. We've had bitter cold weather followed by a warm spell with 60-degree temperatures. Yesterday it snowed about three inches, snow turned to sleet and then it warmed up and rained! Punxsutawney Phil, our world famous groundhog prognosticator, did just predict six more weeks of winter. Thankfully, he doesn't have a very good track record!

Our society is growing with many new members. I hope to see many new faces at our Annual Meeting this year, as well as our "regular" attendees. The Annual Meeting will be held in Cooperstown NY this year. The dates are 10 October through 13 October. It's not too early to make your hotel reservation for this event. Details can be found in this newsletter. The reservation form for meals and tours will be published in the July newsletter. This is going to be a fun filled meeting. Get to know your Fuller cousins! Cooperstown will be beautiful in October. No, we will not be touring the Baseball Hall of Fame but if you are a fan of baseball, this should not be missed while you are in Cooperstown.

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 regular active members as of December 2017 are welcome to apply. If you are a new member as of 2018 you must also be a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants with a proven Fuller lineage in order for your descendant to apply. Please contact me directly if you are a new member and have a high school senior in your family that would like to apply.

I am honored and delighted to serve as your governor! I look forward to serving the Fuller Society for the next three years. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the 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

Cooperstown History

A century before baseball put Cooperstown, N.Y., in the middle of the map of modern American boyhood, writer James Fenimore Cooper embellished his own juvenile adventures in the small town that would ultimately bear his family name.

And as **CBS News *Sunday Morning* Correspondent Martha Teichner** reports, his childhood stories transformed the small rural town into a homage to American history and nature.

When James Fenimore Cooper first presented readers with a chance to gaze into the mirrored waters of Glimmerglass Lake in upstate New York, America was fairly new, and Cooperstown had just been established. In 1786, his entrepreneur father, William, had left his job as a storekeeper in Burlington, N.J., to start the historic village.

William Cooper offered farmers an opportunity to buy property on the lake, and he personally supervised the development instead of employing an agent. And what began as a business endeavor gave rise to a lakeside community that continues more than 200 years later.

By today's definition, William Cooper would have been considered a developer. He wrote in a little book, *A Guide in the Wilderness*: "I have already settled more acres than any man in America. There are 40,000 souls now holding directly or indirectly under me."

"Their attitude towards nature was that it was something in the way, it was an impediment, a rather difficult obstacle to be overcome by hard work," says Henry Cooper, William's great-great-great-grandson.

That was the prevailing attitude at the time, but the feelings James Fenimore Cooper expressed in his books were very

different.

"He took these feelings that he had and created, helped create a new vision of nature, which was that nature is something, you know, beautiful to be preserved," Henry Cooper says.

Historian Jesse Ravage believes this is because people in that period began to draw a parallel between American nature and U.S. history. Cooper's books, like *The Deerslayer*, hugely popular when written in the first half of the 19th century, refer to places that still exist, he says.

"All of the events that happen on the lake in *The Deerslayer* are set in specific locations that you can identify, and this is very important," Ravage explains. "Because it makes this area so easy to market as a tourist site."

So the man who promoted appreciation of the great American wilderness also boosted another great American phenomenon: tourism.

By the 1860s, the shores of the lake were dotted with camps. The early campers were attracted by *Leatherstocking* lore.

"There are maps that were published that actually have the different locations picked out. And they mix what happens in the stories, the fictional occurrence, with what's on the landscape in actual fact," Ravage says.

To this day, camp names are Cooperesque. The excursion boat that chugs up and down the lake is named after a character from *The Last of the Mohicans*.

In fact, the name of the lake isn't really Glimmerglass at all, even though the area around it is designated by the state of New York as the Glimmerglass Historic District.

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2018 Dues Notice

Please check your mailing label for the last year you paid dues. If the year is 2017, your 2018 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

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Dues: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

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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
2018 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 Name, Member # and relationship to your relative that is a member:**

An original essay of at least 500 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, 2018 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 2018 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship is:

“It is 1627 and you are 17 years old, living in Plymouth Colony. Write a letter to a friend or relative living in the Netherlands or England, describing your new home and living conditions of your friends in the Colony”.

Even though your essay will have fictional elements, you are expected to use and cite references to document the conditions in Plymouth at that time.

You may not copy any text from outside sources. Sources must be cited in appropriate bibliographic form. Essays will be evaluated for 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 Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, NY, site of
this year’s Annual Meeting banquet.

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 Redenhall.

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 also looking for a new Newsletter Editor!

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

*Our current membership is 264 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

It seems a long while ago now but we had a splendid event on Sept. 28 last year. Over 40 Mayflower Descendants – including some Fullers – came to St. Mary's and, entirely by chance, 3 Fullers who were visiting independently turned up on the same day! The Rector led a brief service using the Prayer Book with which their ancestors would have been familiar then I led them round the church pointing out aspects that would have been there in 1620. The Fuller plaque was much photographed and we put all the Fullers together for a group picture. We had a lovely time and look forward to future visits. Editor's Note: (Brenda is referring to the GSMD Historic Sites tour)

In the meantime its business as usual. The churchyard has its usual display of snowdrops and aconites. The roof continues to leak and there will be an inspection later this year to define what needs to be done. These inspections occur every 5 years and what they produce is really a wish list – in 2013 the cost of recommended repairs was £140,000 , money we haven't got but we have installed a Portaloo and removed 6 pews at the front to create a space for performances. The Friends remain committed to the preservation of St. Mary's and accept that because of its great age we are likely to have a never-ending list of repairs that we would like to carry out. Regards, Brenda

Mayflower Maize Game

Kris Jacobson, a Fuller Society member, submitted the following:
Are you looking for a fun and unique way for your family to learn about our Pilgrim ancestors? You may want to check out "The Mayflower Maize" , a bingo trivia game designed, developed and copyrighted by the Western Reserve Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio. The game was originally produced about 25 years ago and was reissued in 2017. The price of the game is \$20.20 plus S&H. Contact Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony cfrtroutgal@gmail.com for additional information or to order the game.
Kris's mother, Ruth Larsen, was a long-time member of our Society. She passed away in 2016. Her member number was #154. (cont'd on page 9)

Annual Meeting Hotel Info

The 2018 Fuller Society Annual Meeting will be held in Cooperstown, NY. We will be based at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, 4758 State Hwy 28, Cooperstown NY 13326.

Meeting Dates: October 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2018

Hotel reservations must be made by **September 9, 2018.**

To make reservations, call 607-547-8000.

2 Queen beds: \$159.00 + 15.24% tax & fees

1 King bed: \$169.00 + 15.24% tax & fees.

Group code: The Fuller Society * You must mention this code to receive the guaranteed room rate.

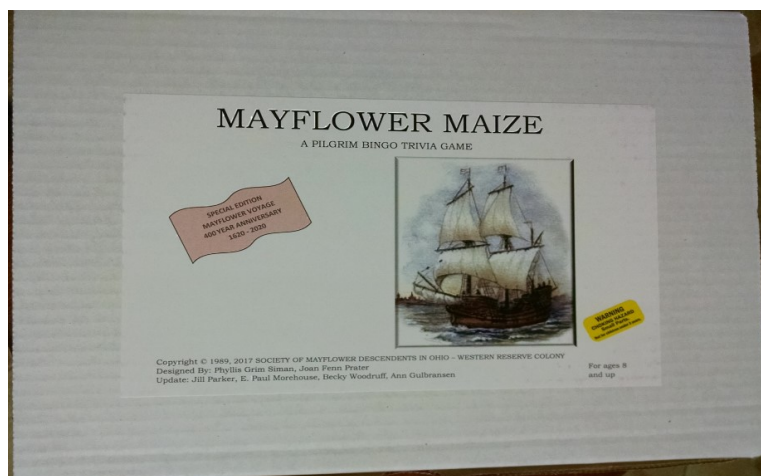
Check in time is 3PM. There is a 48 hour cancellation policy.

Free hot breakfast buffet is included.



To put this in perspective, the last member number issued was #1250! Kris remembered her Mother having the original version of the game but it was lost in the shuffle of moving. So, Kris did some research and was able to find out that the game had recently been reissued and is now for sale again. She thought that other Society members might be interested in the game too.

Thank you, Kris!



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Otsego Lake is its real name, derived from an American Indian word to connote "meeting place by the water."

Many tribes came to the lake to fish, and the New York State Historical Association has built a replica of a fishing lodge.

"Cooperstown represents so many different things in the American history and the American psyche, and we wanted to represent the first peoples, particularly the Iroquois," says Gilbert Vincent, president of the association and the Cooperstown Farmers' Museum.

The Farmers' Museum provides visitors with an authentic look at life in the mid-19th century. Most of the museum's historic buildings were found within 50 miles and moved to the site.

"There's a store and a house and a farmhouse and a tavern and a church, but one of the things we particularly like to show are the crafts - the handwork that really was the basis for the whole culture," Vincent explains. "That has been superseded by industrialism now."

The museum encourages tourist participation in a slice of America that no longer exists. Exhibits include one of the legendary Cardiff Giants, whose only connection with agriculture is that he was found on a farm in 1869. Initially some people believed he was a fossilized human being, which turned out to be a hoax.

"He weighs...a little more than a ton, and he's over 10 feet tall," says Vincent. "People would pay 25 cents to come and take a look...after he was declared a hoax, even more people came to see him."

Just 1,770 people live in Cooperstown, but half a million come to visit each year. The 43-year-old Glimmerglass Opera is one of the most respected small opera companies in the country. Cooperstown managed to comprehend that each era of its existence, each layer of its life as a community, was worth preserving.



Fuller Society members will visit both the Fenimore Art Museum and the Farmers' Museum where we will have a boxed lunch in the Main Barn Classroom.



We will also visit the Fly Creek Cider Mill, an historic water powered cider mill on the banks of the Fly Creek where they have been pressing fresh, sweet cider for 161 years! You won't want to miss the taste testing of over 40 specialty foods including mill-made fudge, extra sharp cheddar cheese and the famous cider float.



Welcome, New Members!

Jane Becksted — Tucson, AZ

Karen Tyrer — Louisville, KY

Diane Anderson — Stillwater, MN

Leona Amerman — San Diego, CA

Timothy Sorenson — Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Peggy Maeger — Ft. Towson, OK

Judith Brand — Lone Tree, CO

Drew Lienau — Seattle, WA

Geoffrey Reed — Nolensville, TN

Dawn Reed — Nolensville, TN

Craig Failor — Oak Park, IL

Judi Rogozenski — Plymouth, MA

Sarah Cooke — West Lafayette, IN



The Holiday Inn, Cooperstown—Hope to see you there!

