

# The Fuller Society Newsletter

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## Greetings From Your Governor

The Fuller Society Annual Meeting this year was quite the event. The weather was beautiful, which is quite unexpected for a Fuller reunion!

We toured the Valley Forge National Park, historic Philadelphia, the Museum of the American Revolution and the iconic Eastern State Penitentiary. We ate at City Tavern and the General Warren Tavern. Both of these establishments date back to the 1700's!

I hope that many of you will consider coming to Massachusetts next September. On September 20, 2020 we will dedicate the Fuller memorial gravestone at the Nemasket Hill Cemetery in Middleborough. Our Annual Meeting will follow in Scituate. This is where Samuel Fuller and Jane Lothrop were married on April 8, 1635 by Myles Standish.

Please encourage the high school seniors in your family to apply for the Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship. The details are in this newsletter.

Many thanks to all of you that have made donations to the Fuller Society this year. They are important to the society and will help fund our educational missions. All donations are tax deductible.

Exciting times are coming! The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of our pilgrim ancestors on the ship Mayflower will be an event to be celebrated and commemorated by us all. Next year will be a very special year for all descendants of the Pilgrims starting with the Rose Bowl Parade on January 1st.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year too!

Governor Debbie

The 27th Annual Business Meeting of the Fuller Society was held at the Hyatt Place Philadelphia in King of Prussia on 19 Sep 2019.

Governor Deb Yingst welcomed everyone and Bill Wenzel gave the opening prayer. After reciting the Pilgrim Pledge, she offered a prayer for our recently departed members; Richard Albers, Harry Engleman and Donald Miller.

Governor Yingst introduced the Board of Assistants and noted that the IRS Form 990 and the annual report for the Maine Charter were filed as required. Governor Yingst also discussed the Fuller Society UK tour in July 2020 and reported she was able to obtain a reduction in the percentage paid to PayPal from 2.9% down to 2.2% via non-profit pricing offered by PayPal.

Minutes: A motion was made by Bill Wenzel and seconded by Fred Swegles to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 26th Annual Meeting in Cooperstown, NY. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Linda Hoffman reported there are a total of 283 members consisting of 197 regular and 86 life and that as of 13 Oct 2018 there have been 55 new members and 7 reinstated. She also noted that 29 members were dropped in 2019.

Treasurer Report: Marcia Shaw presented the Treasurer's report which shows the total equity for the Society is \$23,746. Marcia also noted that to date the Society is about \$1000 ahead of last years' total even with the increase of the Scholarship to \$2020 and 2020 Fuller Memorial headstone monies in the JF Hoffman Fund. Carole Maida asked what the JF Hoffman fund was for, Governor Yingst explained it is used for projects approved by the board as well as lineage CD's. Cheryl House made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Yingst seconded. Motion approved.

Junior Chair Report: Roxy Pemrick reported that the Society has a total of 51 Juniors as of 2 Sep 2019 and since 13 Oct 2018 we have had 9 new Juniors. 10 letters were sent out to seniors encouraging them to apply for the Scholarship in 2019 and also join as regular members.

Scholarship Chair Report: Kim Skellie submitted her report on the 2019 Scholarship and thanked the committee for work in selecting a winner. Two essays were received and first place was awarded to Camden Buennemeyer and second place was awarded to Alyssa Rousseau.

Audit report: John Kemp conducted an audit of the Fuller Society Financial Records for 2018 and 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2019 and noted that after a careful examination of the financial records, he was able to report that the records are in good order and all transactions are well documented. Having no questions or concerns about the financial records, he commended the treasurer for accuracy, thoroughness and clarity of the records.

Donations: The Board of Assistants voted to send \$250 to The Samuel Fuller School in Middleboro, MA and \$250 to Nemasket Hill Cemetery where the Fuller Memorial headstone will be placed.

By-Laws: A discussion was held regarding the changes to the 2018 Board approved by-Laws that were published in the newsletter. John Kemp noted the changes were necessary to bring them up to date with current procedures. A motion was made by Ellie Lienau to amend Article IX adding "of those attending". John Yingst seconded, motion passed. Ellie also suggested removing "Section 1" from Article VIII Standing Committees as there is not a section 2. A motion to accept all the By-Law changes was made by John Yingst and seconded by Marcia Shaw. Motion passed.

Governor Yingst noted the 2020 Annual meeting will be held in Scituate, MA beginning on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with the ceremony dedicating the Fuller Memorial headstone in Nemasket Hill Cemetery. She also noted the top of the stone will be carved in the style of Nathaniel Fuller, a grandson of Rev. Samuel Fuller and gravestone carver in Middleboro, MA. The new stone will include Nathaniel's signature heart mouth and will also include memorial verbiage on the remainder of the front of the stone dedicated to Edward and Mrs. Fuller, their sons Samuel and Matthew and Dr. Samuel Fuller since there are no known headstones for any of them. The back of the stone will be etched with the Mayflower with the vital information of the Fullers. The stone will be placed between the Doty Memorial stone and the Rev. Samuel Fuller (son of Dr. Samuel Fuller) stone.

A motion was made by Bill Wenzel and seconded by Denise Wenzel to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Linda Hoffman,  
Fuller Society Secretary



## **Fuller Society Pin and Miniature Member Medal**

Visit the Fuller Society website to order Fuller Society 2020 pins and Miniature Member medals. The pins can be ordered from the *Lineages & Jewelry* page and the Member medal from the *Members Only* page. The password is 'Scituate'. Pins \$30.00 for 1 or \$50.00 for 2. Medals \$72.00—Includes shipping. Contact Governor Debbie at FullerSociety@aol.com or call 717-512-3655 with any questions or for pricing if you wish to purchase more than two pins or one medal. The pin was pictured in the July newsletter and can be seen on the website.



St. Mary's Redenhall Church is engraved on the bell. Why a bell? Robert Fuller, father of Edward and Samuel, donated a bell to St. Mary's which is still in the bell tower.

The medal is about 4 inches long. This medal is only available to members.

Show your Pilgrim pride by wearing a Fuller Society Member medal and Fuller Society 2020 pin to your Mayflower meetings or other hereditary society meetings!

## **FULLER SOCIETY MAYFLOWER 400 TOUR**

The Fuller Society 2020 tour to England is filling up quickly but there is still room for several more! This tour has been specifically designed for Fuller descendants and will take place 12—19 July 2020. If you are interested, please contact Governor Debbie at [FullerSociety@aol.com](mailto:FullerSociety@aol.com) for all the details.



The Fuller Society members at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, PA at this year's Annual Meeting.

Will you be part of the special events in 2020?

Hope to see you in MA next year!

Next year's meeting will take place

20—23 September 2020 in Middleborough and  
Scituate, MA.

## The Fuller Society

### 2020 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.**

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An original essay of at least 750 words written by the student must accompany the application. See Page 7 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 April 18, 2020 to:**

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



The essay topic for the 2020 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship is:

***“Why was the Mayflower Compact important in 1620?  
How has it impacted the United States over the past  
400 years and your life today?”***

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, double spaced and at least 750 words. 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 10/31/19 to be eligible to apply.**



***“Thank you”*** to all who have contributed to The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Fund! All donations are tax deductible.



The Fuller Society members on tour at the Valley Forge National Park at this year’s Annual Meeting.

## Congratulations to our 2019 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship winners!

The first place winner of the 2019 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship was Camden Buennemeyer, a descendant of Edward Fuller from Chatham, IL. Camden is the grandson of Fuller Society members, John and Marti Kemp. John is an Assistant on the Fuller Society Board of Assistants. Camden is attending the University of South Carolina.



The second place winner was Alyssa Rousseau from Orange, MA. She is attending Worcester State University. Alyssa is the granddaughter of Fuller Society Deputy Governor Kathy Dugas.





# Welcome New Members!

*Help us reach 400 members by 2020!*

*We now have 347 Regular and Junior members!*

*Carrie Hawley—MA*

*Carole Monsell—NY*

*Susan Collier—MI*

*Steven Fuller—MO*

*Patrick Shaul—MI*

*Patricia Barr—NJ*

*Debbie VanDexter—NJ*

*Lee Fuller—VA*

*Linda Nevius—WA*

*Judith Tilton—NH*

*Steve Isham—Australia*

*Corey Rohrbeck—WI*

*Jamie Rohrbeck—WI*

*Shannon Rohrbeck—WI*

*James Petit—FL*

*Cheryl Paluch—NY*

*Amber MacIntyre—NC*

**Go Green!**  
**Help your Society save \$\$\$\$**  
**and**  
**Keep the dues at \$10.00!**

If you are still receiving our newsletters through the U. S. Mail, please consider receiving future newsletters via email or access them on the web site.

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?

Send an email to the Editor at FullerSociety@aol.com to remove your name from the mailing list or to submit an article for future publication.



**[www.thefullersociety.org](http://www.thefullersociety.org)**

Have you visited the Fuller Society website yet?

The Members Only page password is: **Scituate**

The password is the same for all members.

# Junior Members

**Christmas is just around the corner!**

**Are you looking for an idea for your children or grandchildren for Christmas? Our Junior membership is a one time payment of \$10.00.**

**New Junior members will receive a packet of facts and games about the Mayflower.**

**Junior membership is for ages 0 –18.  
At age 18, adult membership may be obtained.**

**Please send a check payable to “The Fuller Society”  
or pay on our web site with PayPal.**

**Send the name of the child, birthdate and expected  
year of high school graduation to:**

**Roxy Pemrick**

**17 Cottage St, Greenwich, NY 12834.**

**Happy Holidays!**



# The Fuller Memorial

Below is a depiction of the approved design for the Fuller memorial gravestone that will be placed in the Nemasket Hill Cemetery in Middleborough, MA next year. The front top of the stone will be a replica of a Nathaniel Fuller carving. Nathaniel was the great grandson of Dr. Samuel and a well known carver in Middleborough.

Please consider a donation to the John F. Hoffman Research Fund earmarked for the gravestone. Your donation is tax deductible. Be a part of this lasting historical tribute to our Fuller ancestors. If you have already donated, thank you! The Fuller Society will dedicate the gravestone on 20 September 2020.

