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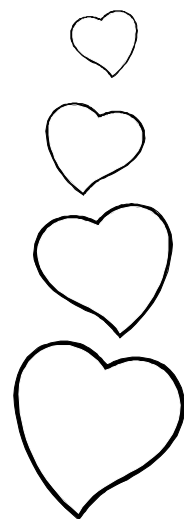
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Ask us!



Got an idea?  
Let us know!

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~ February 2009 Happy Valentine's Day! ~

# THE Historical Society of North Brevard

February 2009

Greetings From The  
Historical Society!!



[www.nbbd.com/godo/history](http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history)

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Hours:  
10am - 3pm  
Tuesday through Saturday

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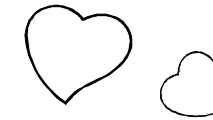
What's

**NEW** This

Month

- ◆ Message From the President
- ◆ Vice President's message
- ◆ Memorials
- ◆ Treasurer's talk
- ◆ New members
- ◆ New mailing address
- ◆ Donations
- ◆ Speaker information
- ◆ Happy New Year

Stop in -  
We'd love to see you again.



## Message from the President

Happy valentine's day to all our wonderful members. I hope we are past the big chill and can be comfortable for a while before it gets too hot! I want to apologize for the heat or lack thereof at the museum. We have some furnaces that may not be working and some that are air conditioners only . We should have got it figured out by the time you read this.

The displays have moved again. I had to make room because we are going to be getting some wonderful donations this month from ol' Doc Spell's house down on the river. We are very excited about this. We have already received a few of the items, but the rest will be here soon. Also I will have had installed 3 new cases I purchased the end of January.

I appreciate everyone's patience while we go through these growth spurts. I know it takes a bit of time to relearn where everything is. If you have any questions, please just call me and we will get them answered. It is important that we get as many of our items protected and under glass as soon as we can. This protects them from dust and keeps them from being broken by being over-handled.

I am also continuing to work on the various books of photos for everyone to see. Look around for them.

I want to say a huge thank you to Alligator Plumbing up on US 1. I stopped in to inquire about a discounted price on our toilets and the next thing I knew they called me and told me to pick them up - Alligator Plumbing donated all three and supplies to install them! What a wonderful surprise.

If you donated towards the toilet fund - please let us know if you would like to re-assign your donation. Betty Mattingly is going to be funding the newsletter with her original project donation.

I want to thank everyone who came to hear Rose Wooley talk about the Canaveral Lighthouse. It is wonderful when our members are the authority on our history. For our February events we will be having a visit from Col. Titus to help us celebrate his birthday and Mr. Bob Hudson will be speaking on little known Titusville history. Bob will also be bringing a few slides that are sure to be more exciting than everyones aunts vacation slides.

Continued inside....

~ Sincerely,  
Edmund M. Kindle

P.S. - The next couple of months are going to be exciting - Stop in and visit soon!

## A note from the Vice President

We had an excellent attendance for Rose Wooley's wonderful program on the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. We are pleased to announce that Bob Hudson will be presenting a program on North Brevard February 23rd at 2:00pm. You will be sorry to miss this one!

~ Helen Durian

## Memorials

Mrs. Ruth Nelson Barnhart ~ Sew So Club  
Mrs. Ruth Nelson Barnhart ~ Mrs. Wanda Clark  
Mrs. Ruth Nelson Barnhart ~ Mr. & Mrs. Billy White  
Mrs. Betty Wattwood ~ Mrs. E. M. Nething



## Editorial Continued...

I have installed the new cases. We will now have a bit more room for the school displays and we now have the antique parasols under glass so they are safe.

Joan, Marie, Dorman and I staffed the museum for the street party this month - We had at my best guess over 200 people stop in and view the museum. We are either getting popular, or it was cold out last night. This will be the last downtown event due to the pending construction of US 1. The cruise in nights have been kept on the schedule, but have been moved to Sand Point Park. The chamber of Commerce will have all the details.

The furnaces are fixed - We had a few problems with the electrical connections in the north east room, but all is well and functioning correctly. We are working on getting organized for the Barbecue - If you would like to help on a committee, please let us know. We will be having another meeting in the next two weeks.

Kay Phillips is hard at work filing all the information we received from Bob Hudson. It is a big task, but Kay is up to the challenge.

We are going to be getting new neighbors soon. The Eberharts who live next door are closing the store and will be leasing the storefront. Stop in as they will be having a sale to liquidate the stock. I am happy to say that they will still be living upstairs, which is great news as they are great neighbors and keep an eye out for the museum.

Barb Batchelder and I are going to swap a few jobs. Barb is going to give the volunteer scheduling a shot, and I will be working on keeping the membership list updated. We might just have another job or two around the museum so if you were thinking that you wanted to get more involved, now would be a great time. Stop in on Tuesday or give us a call.

Well, I think that is about enough of my ramblings this month. We have much going on and the board felt you should be updated.

## Treasurer's Talk

I will be giving two talks this month for church groups and clubs. If you have an organization that would like a speaker, please let me know. Please do not forget that the museum can accommodate tour groups and we are happy to do so. If your church, favorite club or visiting family would like a guided tour of the museum, please let us know.

~ Joan Harper

One last item... I must apologize for the delay in getting the newsletter out this month - My computers were demolished by a virus that I think I am finally rid of. It has totally crippled me in many ways and has put me behind an entire week. I hope to get things back to normal soon.

We can't wait to see you down at the museum. stop in and see what's new! ~ Ed.

## February Events

**Col Titus' Birthday -  
Feb 21st @ 10am**

**If you would like to bring a gift for Col Titus, the museum can always use paper towels and toilet paper.** (sounds silly, but every little bit helps)

**Membership meeting  
Guest - Bob Hudson  
February 23rd @ 2:00 pm**



Don't forget the newsletter is available online at <http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history/index.html>

This newsletter contains your barbecue tickets. If you need more, please give us a call. Please return payment in the enclosed envelope. If you need to return tickets, please do so in the same envelope. If you would like to make an additional contribution to the event, please remember it is tax deductible. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.



If you have a news event that your fellow members might enjoy - let me know - We might be able to post it here. We would prefer it be for a non-profit or community service. If you are not sure - give us a call.



The world's Biggest love in! In Minsk, Belorussia, six thousand people took part in a simultaneous kiss!

Saint Valentine's Day has been celebrated in much the same manner as it is today since the fourteenth century.

~ Ripley's Believe it or Not.

## Welcome to our newest members

Heidi Thamert  
Alice Loudon Herron  
Carla Ledford  
Scarlett Hedden  
Pearl Reese  
Stuart Ferguson  
Betty Soper  
Ginny Blaetz

## Donations

Jodi Fay Chacho  
Jean Richards  
John Richardson  
Ginny Blaetz  
Drew Norwood  
Tom Norwood

**The Museum's new mailing address is  
P.O. Box 5265  
Titusville, FL  
32783**

There are shifts available at the museum - Check the calendar on the desk to sign up - Thanks!

**We are still in need of a volunteer coordinator for the Museum. If you are interested, Please call Ed @ 514-0096**

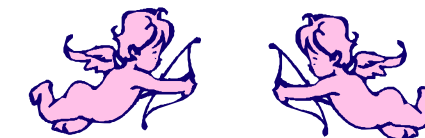
## New Items!

Ballot box from Bayview, Florida - Navy helmet  
Scobie twins' pull cart  
Toy cast iron bank  
~ Donated by Willa McGarity - Granddaughter to J.C. Spell

Brass foot rail and milk glass table top from the Cutter Drug Store ~  
~ Donated by Rodger & Pat Cutter

Space Shuttle collectable spirits bottle  
~ Donated by Karen Osborne

Cris Collinsworth's Retired Jersey, game ball & Astronaut teams photos  
~ Donated by Coach Jay Donnelly (ret)



If you have an idea for the "Afternoon in the Park" barbecue - Please don't keep it to yourself! We are looking for new ideas to make the event larger and better each year! We are looking for new volunteers, new displays, new vendors and things we don't even know of yet! Please let us know if you can help us improve your event - remember, this is the major fundraiser for the Society and Museum - so we need to make it count! Watch for updates.  
~ Ed