

THE

Historical Society of North Brevard

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*Greetings From The
Historical Society!!*



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Hours:

10am - 3pm

Tuesday through Saturday

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

Message from the President

Wow! That is the only word I can think of to describe the last couple of months. Things are really happening down at the museum. We have tons of new items, exciting and interesting new displays, new members, new volunteers, interesting speakers and much, much more!

Mr. Bob Hudson gave a wonderful talk in February on some little known history of Titusville and North Brevard prior to 1900. The museum was jam packed with people and everyone enjoyed Bob's slides.

We are fortunate to have Bob again this month, continuing his talk on the local history after 1900, but I am sad to say the meeting will not be able to be held at the museum. I am however happy to say that the meeting cannot be held at the museum, *because* the museum is full of exciting new items.

The good news about this is we are going to have our next meeting at Parrish Medical Center in conference room one (come in the south entrance). The bad news about this is seating is limited to forty five (45). We are going to ask that you call to R.S.V.P. (514-0096 Ed) We may be moving our fall meetings to the Titusville Library, but more on that later.

One of our great new items was donated by Carl and Ingrid Jones. Many of you know Ingrid from the Titusville Collectors

We have also aquired some wonderful items from the Eberharts next door. Terri and Jon have closed their antique store and were kind enough to loan and donate many items. One of the large items loaned is a wonderful old scale which gave your "Wate and Fate". Yes, that is how it was spelled. We are very thankful to have such great neighbors.

Speaking of neighbors, we will have new ones by the time you read this. Barn Light Electric will be locating their new showroom next door. They specialize in barn lighting, but feature many types of commercial and residential lighting fixtures including some of their own design.

I hope to have the back room finished soon. The back room where we used to have our meetings, is going to be our office, library and archive room. We will also have a few display cases back there as well for everything that won't fit out front. Once I get this finished, I will turn my attention to other tasks that need completed. Stay tuned for updates.

Our "Afternnon in the Park" is shaping up nicely. If you can help on March 28th, please let us know. We will need lots of volunteers to make the event a success. We are hoping to top last years in every way. See you soon!

*~ Sincerely,
Edmund M. Kindle*

A note from the Vice President

We were very pleased with the attendance for Bob Hudson's talk and slide show. I learned many (unknown to me) things about old North Brevard.

On March 23rd at 2:00 pm Bob Hudson will continue his talk and slide show. He will pick up where he left off at 1900 and continue to the present.

May I urge everyone to support our barbeque on March 28th. A great deal of time and effort is expended to make this possible. So please, may we count on you to make it a good fundraising event?

"Wishing you a bit of luck
and a bit of cheer
and a bit of happiness
today and all year"

~ *Helen Durian*

The new brochure for the society and museum is almost ready. The Historical Society joined the Titusville Area Visitor's Council this year. This will allow us to be included in all the information requests that are received at the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber sends out approximately 260 packets out every 4-6 weeks. By joining the TAVC we will also get our brochure at the rest stops along the interstate highway. This is a great opportunity to direct visitor's to our museum.



Memorials

In Honor of ~ Donor

Mrs. Betty S. Wattwood ~ Dr. Pat Manning
Mrs. Betty S. Wattwood ~ Mrs. M. A. Kittles
Mrs. Betty S. Wattwood ~ Mrs. Gertrude Metzger
Mrs. Ruth Nelson Barnhardt ~ Mrs. Gertrude Metzger
Mrs. Helen Poppell ~ Mrs. Gertrude Metzger
Mrs. Sandra Woods Allen ~ Mrs. William Mattingly
Mrs. Ruth Nelson Barnhardt ~ Ms. Barbara Pariso
Mrs. Betty S. Wattwood ~ Ms. Barbara Pariso

Treasurer's Talk

On February 10th I spoke to the Elderberries of The St Andrew's Methodist Church.

I was invited to speak to the Doras, Ruth and Naomi Circles of The Indian River City Methodist Church on February 17th.

A tour of the museum was also given to a group from the Cocoa Beach Methodist Church on February 24th.

~ *Joan Harper*

I am happy to say that our Secretary, Barb Batchelder is going to take a stab at being our volunteer coordinator. We are going to be working together to get our roster straightened out.

So... this is your official heads up that Barb will be calling you to confirm the days and time that you sit at the museum. We are trying to get the schedule set, so that everyone has the same day and time every month, and trying to place our new volunteers into the matrix, so you folks are not overtaxed by sitting multiple days.

We are also going to try to put together an up to date substitution list for everyone to have, so if you can't make a day, you will have a list of volunteers to call to get coverage.

I am happy to say that the coverage at the museum has been getting better, but we still have some holes that need plugged. I am confident that we will get the job done! Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time! You are the Museum's most valuable asset.

I would like to thank Mr. Bob Hudson for the gift of a bound edition of The Florida Star Newspaper dating 1877. This paper was produced in New Smyrna and was one of, if not the first newspaper in the area.

This could be one of, if not the last known physical copy. It is an amazing addition to the museum's collection.

I am sorry to say, that it is much too fragile to put on display right now. I have talked to several historical agencies and the consensus is that there is no way to preserve the paper in its current state, so the effort must be saved to preserve the information.

To this end, I will be scanning the paper into a digital format. After it is scanned the digital files or copies will be made available for study. It will be a very time consuming process. I will update everyone in a future newsletter when it has been completed.

We have a new display from the Titusville Collectors club for the next couple of months - Joan Horner has loaned us part of her collection of antique and collectable tins. It is, I am told, just a tiny part of her collection which numbers into the hundreds. Stop by and check it out!

I appreciate everyone's patience during the relocation of items at the museum. Once everything has a permanent home again, we will post an update to let everyone know where everything is. This will include where all the lights are, where supplies are, and where to keep everything. We are having a few growning pains, but we will keep moving forward! Thanks!

Welcome to our newest members

Vicki Mazurek
Mrs. Thelma Rowley

We are sorry if we missed listing you here. I am trying to update the member list. If you are a new member and I missed listing you here, let me know.

Thanks to all the folks who have renewed their membership.

Donations

Elderberries of St. Andrew's
Methodist Church

Trudy Metzger

Indian River City Methodist Church.

**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!

Believe it or not!

In the Ripley's Believe it or Not Encyclopedia of the Bizarre - there is nothing listed for St. Patrick's Day.

New Items!

19th century typesetters draws -
Ingrid & Carl Jones

Old weight and fortune scale -
Military gas mask -
Old linen drying rack -
Terri & Jon Eberhart

Tiny toy hand powered (actually sews)
sewing machine -
Dorothy Klenawicus

THS letter Jacket, football cleats and
newspaper articles -
Jeri Peri

Scrapbook and materials relating to the
career of the Honorable
Vassar Carlton -
Ms. Sue Carlton

Bring a friend to the North Brevard Historical Museum

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

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Ask us!**



**Got an idea?
Let us know!**