

THE

Historical Society of North Brevard

Message from the President

Greetings! February is here and things are really moving fast. The planning for "An Afternoon in the Park" is underway already! If you would like to help, we would be delighted to have you on the planning committee. We are always looking for new ideas.

The event will be April 3rd this year at Fox Lake Park. We have two musicians who have agreed to perform for us so far. We are looking for more great entertainment for all of you.

We are looking for donations of new items for our silent auction again this year. If you have a new item that you would like to donate, or would like to buy a new item to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. This could include gift cards also.

One major change this year will be the food. We are hoping to close negotiations with a new food vendor soon, so I don't want to jinx the talks - We all think you will be very pleased. We will announce it once everything is set.

If you are a practitioner of a long lost art, such as palmetto or pine needle weaving, chair caning, embroidery, weaving, rug making, wood carving or any other old time craft, we need you! We are looking for people to take a table and demonstrate their skills. You can even sell some of it if you like.

Event tables are free for demonstrators and nonprofit groups. If you are a crafter and would like to sell some of your wares, we are asking a \$25.00 table fee. This helps to support the museum as this event is a fund raiser. You will be responsible to keep track of and pay any sales tax you collect to the state.

This event can be a great success! We are looking forward to seeing all of you there again this year - It is a great time to reconnect with friends and loved ones and to have a great meal while doing so.

Tickets to "An Afternoon in the Park" will be included in this mailing. I would like to clear up a bit of a misunderstanding, the tickets are *not free*. The event is free to attend, but the meal is not. The meal is the fund-raising portion of the event.

We mail the tickets to assure a good distribution to all the members without making you all come to the museum to buy your tickets. If you do not wish to come to the event to eat, we ask that you either purchase the tickets as a way to support the society or to return the tickets to us in the envelope provided. There seemed to be some confusion on this issue last year. We hope you will purchase the tickets *AND* come to the event. We would sure love to see you all.

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*Greetings From The
Historical Society!!*



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

... Message from the President - Continued

Now on to other things....

The dreaded construction is progressing down US 1. It is now in front of the museum. It was interesting sitting and talking with people while the crews were running an excavator with a jackhammer attachment.

The sidewalk will soon be torn up in front of the museum. This will happen along the existing seam approximately 3 feet from the front door. Obviously I am not going to subject you (our members and volunteers) or our guests to risk having to negotiate this so we will be closing at some point.

The other reason for this is to reduce the amount of debris and dust that is blown into the museum with each swing of the door. We discussed this at the last board meeting and it seemed to be logical.

The Florida Department of Transportation is already sick of me with all the questions and general nosiness I have targeted them with.

Barbara will call volunteers to let them know as soon as we decide the time is appropriate. Feel free to call me or Barb if you have questions.

My main concern about closing the museum for the construction - is how this will affect the volunteer scheduling. We are almost full each month, and we certainly don't want to intentionally lose any momentum.

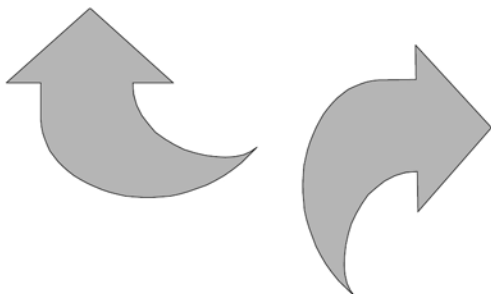
Many of you are stepping up to the plate and volunteering for extra shifts to keep the museum open and we appreciate and recognize the effort. Thank You. We hope that everyone will be able to jump right back in the saddle after we re-open.

We are pleased to announce that the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation has partnered with us to help preserve history. We are supporting their efforts in acquiring some grant monies for three initiatives to help preserve history, make the hospital a greener operator and to develop a community health network. If successful, we will share in the grant award. We are hoping to hear more by the end of March.

Well, I guess I have taken up enough space this month. Please visit us soon and if you would like to get more involved, we would love to have you help. Many hands make light work. See you soon.

~ *Sincerely,*
Edmund M. Kindle

We are closed for the week until Feb 16th -
We will re-evaluate next Tuesday!



Attention!

Due to the closing for the construction, we have been forced to cancel the Col. Titus Birthday celebration on February 13th. We will attempt to reschedule. Sorry Col. Titus! We will make it up to you.

Treasurer's Talk

Due to the recent cold snap we had to turn on the heat in the museum. Because of this, we received a large electric bill. How large, you ask? Almost \$500.00. When no one is in the museum, please keep the lights off as this will conserve and save us money. Thanks!

~ *Joan Harper*

R.S.V.P.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program needs our help. This program is a function of the Community Services Council and is located on DeLeon Ave. in Titusville

R.S.V.P. recruits and places people age 55 and better in meaningful volunteer opportunities that make a positive impact on the community. Currently we only have eleven of our volunteers registered.

I would like to see us become a larger station for the program. As a registered volunteer, you keep track of all your hours everywhere you volunteer. There is a volunteer of the year award for each station as well as a yearly event sponsored by the Community Services Council.

One of the benefits of being registered is you can receive extra insurance in case of an accident while you are volunteering. Our local contact is Marlene Squires. You can call the office in Cocoa at 321.639.8770.

R.S.V.P. also has other opportunities such as Meals on Wheels and Sunflower house as well as caregiver support. I hope more of our volunteers/members will register.

Postal woes continued...

In response to our request for email addresses to email the newsletter, we have not received nearly enough to change the procedure for newsletters.

We will need to continue a paper mailing. Thanks to those of you that responded to our call.

Welcome to our newest members
North Brevard Tire

Message from the VP

On February 22nd at 2:00 P.M. at the Titusville Public Library, Mr. Roger Lee Miller will be our guest speaker. Mr. Miller has won three Emmys for his made for television films. He has been in the company of Jack Benny, Frank Sinatra and Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon. He should prove to be a most interesting speaker. We hope to see you all there.

~ *Helen Durian*

A note from Barb...

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our society. What good are these wonderful artifacts if there is no one here to show them to visitors?

The gift of your time is much appreciated. The third and forth Saturdays are still open, so if you and a friend or neighbor have two and a half hours once a month, please call me at 267 - 2357.

I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're there.



Follow us on facebook and become a fan!

We currently have 52 fans of the museum on facebook.

Follow me on twitter I will also be posting museum and other events at

<http://twitter.com/edkindle>

New Items!

Vase ~ Louise Kramer

Curtain Stretcher ~ from estate of Helen Bivans

Boy Scout hat and patches ~ Bill Walls

East Coast Railway items ~ From the estate of Dr. Paul Vasconi

1920 beaded dress of June Blankenship Whitlaw ~ Fay Browning

We are very excited - We have located some of the original caved wooden beams from the ceiling of the Dummitt Castle! They have been donated to the museum from the wonderful folks at the Westland Marina where they have been in storage for many, many years. We will be retrieving them this week and will have them on display soon. Thanks to Laurilee Thompson for thinking of us and making the introductions!

I would like to take a moment to thank Mr. Ed Poe for the use of the empty lot this past launch weekend. We were able to park cars for a donation to the museum Sunday and Monday morning - raising much needed funds. Mr. Poe continues to be generous to us and I know we all appreciate his assistance. I would also like to acknowledge those who helped man the event for it was truly a group event.

Paul Marion, Bill Blackwell, Dorman Lowry, Marcia Gaedcke & Jay Parrish. We had some fun and froze a bit, but it was for a great cause. Thank you again to those involved.

Book Shop

We will be having a new book for sale in the museums book shop.

The book is called "Old South, New South or Down South - Florida and the modern civil rights movement."

by Dr. Irvin D.S. Winsboro.



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Florida History in February

- Feb 1, 1862 A Union gunboat anchored near the St. Marks Lighthouse today and began to shell the salt works near there. The Confederate gunboat Spray moved into the area and exchanged shots with the Federal boat. Elsewhere, the schooner Isabel was captured today in the Gulf of Mexico off the Florida coast by the U.S.S. Montgomery.
- Feb 2, 1863 A Federal naval officer on a reconnaissance mission on the Indian River reported the discovery of several packages and 41 sacks of salt in a cache near Jupiter Inlet. He destroyed them all.
- Feb 15, 1898 The U.S.S. Maine exploded today in Havana Harbor and set into motion the events leading up to the Spanish-American War. More than 250 men were killed and some 50 wounded.
- Feb 1, 1958 The United States launched its first space satellite into orbit around the Earth today. The 30.8 pound Explorer satellite was put into orbit by a Jupiter-C rocket that lifted off from Cape Canaveral at 10:48 a.m.
- Feb 22, 1959 The racing capital of the world, Daytona Beach, held the first Daytona 500. The race was won by Lee Petty, who drove an Oldsmobile across the finish line. However, Petty did not find out that he won for three days. It took judges that long to figure out the victory, following a photo finish.
- Feb 23, 1971 Fight fans were surprised when Mohammed Ali sparred ten rounds today in Miami without saying a single word.

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Let us know!**