



THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

President’s Message

By Bill Baldwin

Thank goodness all the yearly major projects have been completed. Our latest endeavor (*Afternoon in the Park*) was a huge success and netted over \$3,100.00. Linda Hinkson deserves a big round of applause for pulling it off and to the staff that made it possible.



Museum Upgrade In Full Swing

By Bill Baldwin

Phase I of the Museum upgrade is completed. This phase includes a new roof and a total new look for the Museum’s front room. The board is ecstatic with the results of both projects. Apparently so are all the docents from the comments we have received. If you haven’t been in the Museum lately, here is a quick look.



Col. Titus Parlor



Turn of the 20th Century Dining Room



Roof view from the rear of the Museum

Pictures from the Past

By Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this lovely young lady whose picture was taken in 1965 in the THS Yearbook? (answer on page 4)



Titusville Collector's Club

By Barbara Batchelder

Thanks to the Titusville Collector's Club for providing us with interesting displays for our members and visitors to enjoy. If you haven't seen Barbara Mars' collection of *cats*, be sure to come by the Museum before they're gone.



Items of Interest

By Paul Marion

Donald S. Ball, Grandson of George Brockett and Great Grandson of A. A. Stewart has graciously donated three books from his collections which are located on the table in the main room for everyone to enjoy.

- **Post Card Collection Scans Of Titusville Post Cards** [A wonderful collection of Scans of his extensive Titusville Post Card collection.]
- **Personal Collection Of Donald S. Ball – Important Original Titusville Documents, Photos And Related Item, Circa 1919 – 1940's** [A group of real photos, many from the Pirtle Family.]
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Thanks ... to Deborah Brackett of *Edward Jones* (on Palm Avenue) for donating our new conference table chairs.



Raymond Hamed II has donated his class of 1994 letterman's jacket. It is in beautiful condition and can be found in the front display window.



History of the Museum

By Betty Mattingly

Last month, you read about the History of the Historical Society. **Now the rest of the story** The History of our existing Museum.

In 1984, officers and members were still continuing to look for a place for a Museum. Finally, in October of 1988, Glenn Patch, a Titusville business man offered the use of the commercial building at **301** South Washington Avenue for a Museum. After a year of interior work by Les Widick and Herb Lorenzo, the North Brevard Historical Museum was opened on October 28, 1989, Mr. Patch continued to provide maintenance for the roof, electrical and plumbing needs. In December of 1995, he donated the buildings at **301 and 303** South Washington to the Historical Society.

In 1998, the exteriors of the buildings were renovated when a Façade Loan was provided by the City of Titusville. (A Satisfaction of Mortgage for that loan has been received from the city.) Funds provided by Ed Poe were used for opening the wall between the two buildings in 1999. Fund raisers were held to finance building materials needed for the newly acquired space. Donating his time, Bill Mattingly renovated #303 to provide much needed display space and a meeting room. That room is now used as a work and reference room.

New exterior painting was done in 2012 and included a new awning as well. Now the Museum, inside and out is as you know it and see it. We have come a long way and as stated at another time: "The North Brevard Historical Museum provides an interesting destination in Historic Downtown Titusville".

Volunteer(s) of the Year

By Bill Baldwin

On May 27th, the Volunteer of the Year Award was presented at the May Membership dinner meeting. This award went to two very deserving people: Esther Vulpius and Paul Marion. Both recipients are Board Members, and can be found at the Museum at various times and have been extremely supportive of Museum projects.



Esther Vulpius



Paul Marion

Membership

By Barbara Batchelder

Make welcome Dennis and Victoria Morey of Titusville who joined us in April. So glad you're with us. Just a note: The richest person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least.

Just a comment from a member: I strongly believe in a "hand up", not a "hand out." So I was pleased to read in the last Newsletter that food left over from the Day in the Park was given to the How House. Operating this facility to help people overcome alcoholism is not cheap. These people are trying to improve their lives by recovering from Alcoholism.



Guest Comments

By Leigh Lorence

Another great month! From Ontario " Your gadgets are amazing to see. Thanks for keeping them." N.C. " Wonderful. Reminds me of my Grandparents home." Ga. " Brings back good memories". Me. " Love the old dolls." Can. " Very nice fishing history." London "Very interesting with a warm welcome." Way to go Docents! Our Museum not only maintains the history of Titusville but preserves the childhood memories for many. I feel that is one of the most generous gifts that you can bestow. Thanks to one and all.



Displays

by Amy Spillers

For the entire month of June we will feature a June Bridal display in the Dining Room. These lovely period pieces are very delicate, with one Trousseau ensemble dating back to the 1870's. No reservations required! Just come on in and enjoy the lovely details of decades gone by.



Social Media

By Judy Davis

Check us out on Facebook by going to this website: www.facebook.com/NorthBrevardHistoricalMuseum; and visit our website at: www.nbbd.com/godo/history/. If you wish to be added to any of our email postings, please contact us at titusvillemuseum@aol.com. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.



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Pictures from the Past answer: Margaret Louise Miller Vessels



Dates to Remember

- *May 18th Board Meeting:* 10:00 am (and members are welcome to attend).
- *Memorial Day is May 25th, therefore there'll be no member meeting.*
- *June 15th Board Meeting:* 10:00 am (and members are welcome to attend).
- *July 20th Board Meeting:* 10:00 am (and members are welcome to attend).
- *August 17th Board Meeting:* 10:00 am (and members are welcome to attend).
- *September 21st Board Meeting:* 10:00 am (and members are welcome to attend).
- *September 28th Membership Meeting:* 2:00 pm at Dixie Crossroads.



The April 27th Membership meeting
was the last one 'til our Membership meeting on
September 28th at 2pm at Dixie Crossroads.

Enjoy your Memorial Day
(and summer) without conflict!