



THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

Don’t forget our annual October Member Meeting will again be held at Dixie Crossroads on October 24th at 5:30 pm. Besides eating, we plan to announce and/or endorse the new board members and officers who will be serving for the next two years. This newsletter issue does have membership voting ballots enclosed, however, panic (last minute) ballots will be available at the dinner meeting, if needed.

Note: Please call the museum if you plan to attend this meeting. This is so Dixie Crossroads can get a head count to determine room assignments.



A Major Loss

The Board of Directors

On September 12th, the Museum lost one of its major supporters ~ Joan Harper.



Joan Harper 1939-2016

Joan was the current Vice President of the Historical Society and the unofficial spokesperson for the Museum. Basically, she was the primary Museum tour guide, in addition to giving historical presentations to outside organizations. She also was an integral planner for the Titusville High School reunion functions. David, Terry and Carol can be very proud of the influence their mother made to the community and to the Museum. Joan, you will be missed.



Museum Dedication of the Mural

By Bill Baldwin

A few weeks ago, the Mural Society held a dedication of the mural following the completion of Keith Goodson’s work. In as much as the sponsorship plaques were not completed and installed, the Board felt that a “Museum Dedication” would be appropriate to show off the plaques with the mural. Therefore, on Saturday October 29th at 11:00 a.m., the Board would like to complete the dedication honoring those who made this mural possible. Hope to see you there.



Main Street Parking Issue

by Bill Baldwin

“Excuse our Dust” should be the cry of the City as they prepare for the final (??) attempt to layout parking on Main Street. The latest plan is to have one-way eastward traffic on the street with parallel parking on both the north and south sides

of the street with the bike path nearest the sidewalk on the south side. Already, we have seen some traffic close calls on the street, so be careful. Completion date is still in question.



Displays

By Amy Spillers

A lot goes on down at the Museum that is rarely mentioned or even known about. I would like to say the “*Behind the Scene Elves are at it again!*” Did you know that we have some pretty talented people, like Bob Russell, volunteering at the Museum? Bob Russell is Frank Russell’s brother and his lovely wife, Janet, is a Docent too. Bob was the Shop teacher at Astronaut High School for many years and we are so lucky to have the Russells on board down at the Museum. Bob made these wonderful wall plaques for our new telephone display in the Media section of the Museum. They look awesome! Thank you Bob for your talent and generosity!



Next time you are enjoying a visit to the Museum, I hope you will appreciate as much as I do, all the hard work Margaret Vessels has put into cross referencing artifact numbers with items and writing up descriptions on those items to include the Donors and the Circa. Paul Marion has also been helping behind the scenes with laminating some of those descriptions cards and moving items around for me. I guess you could say they are both “**Movers and Shakers!**” Thank You Margaret Vessels and Paul Marion! You gotta love those elves!



“A Walk Along the River” A Historical Home Tour 2016

by Paul Marion

The home tour of historical houses in Titusville will be on December 3rd, 2016 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Tickets will be limited to 300. They are \$20.00 each guest. They will not be available for sale until mid-October and must be purchased in advance at the Museum (located at 301 South Washington Avenue; Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 3:00; phone (321) 269-3658). The following 7 houses, 6 of which are located on Indian River Avenue, and 4 houses are located right on the Indian River, are:

- 1) ***The Wager House***, circa 1877, formerly the Titusville General Store and newspaper office. The house leader will be Donna Baker.
- 2) ***The Needham Bryan House***, Neo-classical style, circa 1895, an Indian River Avenue landmark.
- 3) ***The Dr. Adams/McCotter House***, circa 1905, Frame Vernacular style. The house leader will be Susan Palma.
- 4) ***The Thomas Knight House***, circa 1915, Thomas Knight moved here from Manhattan, New York. The house leader will be Zig St. Germaine.
- 5) ***The Vassar Carlton House***, circa 1924, Later to become Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. The house leader will be Katie McQuade.
- 6) ***The Alice Shelbourne House***, circa 1926, Author and First woman Superintendent of Public Schools in Brevard County. The House leader will be Dolly Boggs.
- 7) ***“The Bonus House”, Dr. B. R. Wilson House***, circa 1887, Newspaper says he delivered over 2,000 children in Titusville. The house leader will be Amy Boland.

Pictures of the houses and additional information will be available at the museum. **Tickets will be printed in order to start sales on October 18, 2016.**



Dr. B. R. Wilson House, circa 1887

House Tour Docents Needed

The 2016 House tour has a never-before number of houses (7), and 5 of the houses are inviting their guests to view the 2nd floor so we will need a record number of Docents. During the month of October, members of the Society will be called upon to join the house tour as Docents. Please consider being a Docent and joining us to make this a successful event. Thank you.



Memorials

by Betty Mattingly

In Memory of William E. “Bill” Kennedy

Given by: Mr. And Mrs. Carl Threlkeld
Christopher D’Andrea
L. Dianne Williams
Marcia C. Tague
Catherine Spencer
Helen Durian
John and Renee Jones
Barbara S. Borman
Dorothy Geiser
Peggy F. Malcolm

In memory of Joan Harper

Given by: June Hodson
Helen Durian
Herman E. Wattwood, Jr.
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In memory of Linda Hinkson

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All of the names above are recorded in the red **Remembrance Book** at the Museum. A card is sent to each donor acknowledging that a gift in memory of someone has been received. In addition, a card is sent to the family to let them know that a thoughtful tribute in honor of their loved one has been made to the Historical Society

and Museum by each donor. These gifts are appreciated by the Historical Society and the families.

In Honor Of:

Gifts to the Museum in honor of Betty Mattingly’s 90th birthday were received from Janet Law (of Merritt Island), Doris Schermer (of Titusville) and Cathy Miller (a niece from out of state).



Election of Officers ~ October 24, 2016

Your Nominating Committee

The Ballots are included in this newsletter. Every member is entitled to a vote, so please fill out your Ballot and return it to the Museum or bring it to the dinner meeting on October 24th. All Ballots must be returned no later than October 24th, as they will be counted at this meeting. If you have a family membership, each person has a vote. You may copy the Ballot or copies will be available at the Museum. We have included a bio for each of the candidates on the back of the ballot to help in making your choice. Please remember, this is your Museum and your vote is important. These are the people who will be making Museum decisions for the next two years.



Social Media

by Judy Davis

Check us out on **Facebook** and on our website below. If you wish to be added to any of our occasional e-mails, please contact us. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.

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Dates to Remember

- ***October 17th*** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- ***October 24th*** Membership/dinner meeting at **5:30 p.m.** at Dixie Crossroads; and election of Officers and Board of Directors.
- ***October 29th*** Mural dedication at 11 am at the Museum.
- ***November 21st*** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- ***November 28th*** Membership meeting at 2:30 pm at Dixie Crossroads.
- ***December 3rd*** Historic House Tour.
- ***December 19th*** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.