



# THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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## FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

Looks like we’re starting the new year right. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, we have added four new members: Debbie Melvin, Dawn Taylor, Mike and Terra Griffith. We wish to extend a big **WELCOME** and hope you enjoy being involved with the Museum.

having a full view of the mural (plus the elimination of a good photo op) and could have been fixed by just moving both signs 10 to 15 feet closer to the respective curb corners. As viewed from Quam’s eatery, the likeness of Rodney Thompson is almost totally obscured by the latest blue sign. To be honest, this is an outrage since the mural was praised by the City officials. Ex-mayor Jim Tulley endorsed the mural and present mayor Walt Johnson sang its praises when he spoke at the dedication ceremony.



### Down in Dixie ...

by Bill Baldwin

Michael Homer gave us a very enjoyable presentation at the January Members meeting and luncheon held at Dixie Crossroads. His topic covered personal protection situation awareness along with confrontation detection and reaction. Michael is the CEO/Director of Training for the Maritime Anti-Terrorism and Explosives Training Company. He brought the topic down to a level that was useful in our everyday lives. Very interesting presentation!

This latest **GOTCHA** comes at the heels of the City removing all near museum parking along Main Street to the dismay of most of our Docents. Still looks like the bike trail thru Titusville was implemented to get the project completed without regard to the impact on the businesses and functions on Main Street. Bikers and vehicle drivers seem to be more and more frustrated with the existing plan - even to the point of being laughable. A good example is that drivers traveling east on Main Street from the railroad tracks must endure four lane shifts within just a little over four blocks. Plus, one of the bike lanes is half blocked at the US1 North intersection. Basically, all we want is for our parking to be restored to accommodate our Docents.

### GOTCHA!

by Bill Baldwin

Looks like the City has done it again! As indicated in the photos, the City has erected two “bike trail” signs which obscure the mural for which we paid several thousand dollars. The location of both signs is without regard for a



## Pictures from the Past

by Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this young man who is sporting the “in” haircut when he was in High School? Look closely. Answer on page 4.



## Afternoon in the Park and BBQ

by Betty Mattingly



It was mentioned in last month's Newsletter that we started planning for our event late – as a matter of fact, our first Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Last year we started in October!

With the willingness and cooperation of last year's chairmen and some new ones, everything is falling into place with all of them working diligently to make our **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Afternoon in the Park and BBQ** a success. There are many areas to plan for from the BBQ meal to desserts, to providing demonstrations, exhibits, entertainment and all the behind the scenes that are not always seen.

Success can be measured by the support you give to this annual fundraiser.



## Special Thanks

by Paul Marion

We would like to thank Mr. Ken Rac of A1 Locksmith for re-keying the locks on the front and back doors of the Museum. This had not been done for the past 10 years. It was necessary, as many keys to these doors had been lost or misplaced over the years. Mr. Rac provided this service to the Museum at **NO CHARGE** including the new keys. The museum is eternally grateful for the support that Mr. Rac has shown us. **Thank you, A1 Locksmith!**



## Displays

by Amy Spillers

Did you know that the northern half of the Museum used to be a Piggly Wiggly? Not a very large store when you think about it. And the Museum really isn't all that big either.

Because space is limited, we have started an artifacts committee. Board members will be meeting once a month to decide what to do with the over-flow of items that have come to us throughout the years. Some are duplicates and triplicates and some are in sad shape. Some have no connection to the history of North Brevard and some we have no idea what they are or where they came from. Like the piece pictured below.

This is called a **Niddy Noddy**. It is used to wind yarn into a large loop. Someone who spins yarn would use it to wind the yarn off the bobbin on their spinning wheel. After a hank of yarn is wound onto this, it could then be taken off the **Niddy Noddy** to either dye or wet it to set the

twist. Who knew! So we begin the arduous process of sorting, researching, and a lot of decision making. That should keep us busy for a while.



Speaking of busy, Margaret Vessels and Vickie Miller have been busy as birds decorating the two front windows for the upcoming Birding Festival and Mardi Gras Street Party. Thank you ladies for the beautiful window displays; and a special thank you to Laurilee Thompson for adding her lovely collection of birds to the display!



## Memorials

*by Betty Mattingly*

### In memory of:

Debi Hartling

Joan Harper

### Donated by:

Betty Nething

Betty Nething

June Hodson

Esther Vulpus



## Membership renewal



Membership renewals were due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The renewal forms were previously sent; and if another copy is needed, please contact the Museum.



## 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.

- Email: [titusvillemuseum@aol.com](mailto:titusvillemuseum@aol.com)
- Website: [www.nbbd.com/godo/history/](http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history/)
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## Dates to Remember

- **February 20<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **March 6<sup>th</sup>** Afternoon in the Park and BBQ meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>** annual Afternoon in the Park and BBQ 11 am to 4 pm at Fox Lake Park. (\$Tickets enclosed in this newsletter.)
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **April 24<sup>th</sup>** Membership meeting at 5:30 pm at Dixie Crossroads.
- **Membership dues are due now ... ☺**

*Pictures from the Past answer: Bill Baldwin*