



# THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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## OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

(Newsletter Editor – Judy Davis)

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### President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

September was a slow month for the Board. Maybe I should say it was a “down month”. Seems a couple of Directors have taken nasty falls and the rest of us have taken time to do a little vacationing. Most of us are back now and ready to hit the restart button.

The Membership luncheon/meeting, held on September 25<sup>th</sup> had an excellent speaker and historian, Dr. Roger Smith. Sure hope you didn’t miss it. The **October** Membership dinner will be held at Dixie Crossroads on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 5:30. That will be the last get-together this year for members. Hope you can make it to the dinner and please contact the Museum to place your name on the attendance list.



### A New Look

by Amy Spillers

As you may or may not know, many renovation changes have happened at the Museum. We think it has given the Museum a fresh new look for the better enjoyment of all who visit. The walls have been painted in room #2 and new display cabinets were purchased to group like items and to better tell the story of us.

We have been gifted with many nostalgic school items and now have a wonderful new school pride

area showcasing Titusville High, Astronaut High, Gibson High, Jr. High schools, old Bayview, Mims, Clifton, and Shiloh schools. In our newly organized Reference area, there are plenty of tables and chairs for perusing school annuals or researching historical families, towns, and businesses relating to North Brevard history.

There are so many fascinating books with stories and pictures about the history of Titusville and North Brevard as a whole that it would take many visits to even go through them all. Many people don’t even know about all the smaller communities in North Brevard that are no longer here. Shiloh, Clifton, Allenhurst, Wilson’s Corner, Wisconsin Village, Aurantia, LaGrange or Indian River City just to name a few. And while sorting through some of these books we find places we didn’t even realize were there before; such as Myrtle Park!

Yes we have been here a long time! Titusville celebrated its sesquicentennial in 2017 and we have many Titusville centennial items displayed alongside our Panelrama, a multi-panel poster displayer, which has been lovingly restored by Paul and Dale Marion. This Panelrama really and truly depicts the history of Titusville from beginning to present day through photographs and stories. And we have the perfect bench, handmade by our member Cash Register, so that visitors may sit and enjoy the Panelrama. Alongside the

Panelrama you will find our unique Space display showcasing hand castings of famous astronauts displayed in a beautiful oak cabinet also handmade by our very own Cash Register. Truly a work of art!

Speaking of art, our “Old Florida” display showcases the handcrafted items that people made and used, some out of necessity, functionality, creativity and enjoyment from locally available items such as palm fronds, pine needles, alligators, and seashells. Florida hasn’t always been the space industry and theme parks. Florida used to be a pretty harsh place to scratch out a life. Survival depended a lot on the weather, nature, and interactions with natives. Those who came here to carve out a life were truly pioneers. We are still in the process of researching and displaying those pioneers so we may continue to understand how we evolved from a place named Sand Point to a City named Titusville.

I am always saying “Many hands make light work,” and it took a small village to make this happen. I would like to thank Bill Baldwin, Eric Konjevich, Michael Knight, David Lee, Herman Wattwood, Cash Register, Paul and Dale Marion, Margaret Vessels, Vicki Miller, Debbie Melvin, Susan Nelson, Judy Ball, Judy Davis and Katie McQuade for their tireless work and creativity with this project! We hope you enjoy the new look! History rocks!



### Message to Docents

by Bill Baldwin

Right now we are looking at having a “mandatory” (chuckle-chuckle) meeting for all docents at the Museum sometime in the near future. That meeting is to be used to give docents information to help create an exciting (and memorable) experience for visitors seeking a little piece of history. To make it a little more enticing, we are toying with serving lunch for all attending docents.

During reconstruction of Room 2, a couple of new items have been added to the Museum. We purchased a new DVD player that has features such as pause, backup & replay capabilities, among others. A set of directions (in simple steps) to operate the DVD and the TV are taped to the top of the DVD. We also bought a gizmo to turn five

of the display cabinet lights ON or OFF using a remote control. The buttons down the left side of the remote turn them ON individually while the buttons on the right turn them OFF. Therefore, the early shift can wait until we get our first customers then turn them ON while sitting at the docent table.



### Meet your “Board”

by Bill Baldwin

**Michael Knight** can best be described as our “Quiet Director”. Although not as vocal as most other Board members, Michael has a tendency to be our voice of reason. Michael grew up in Titusville and over the years has collected a truckload of local “happenings” around the area and created a personal library of them. From that collection, he has extracted data for his numerous newsletter articles which all of us enjoyed. Even though he has only been a Director since 2016, he has become one of the bright spots in the Museum. He can be seen most days somewhere in the Museum.



## Spotlight

The North Brevard Business Directory (NBBD) webpage has become synonymous with the Museum internet page. That only happens when we have the help of the NBBD web manager, **Dave Rich**. Dave has been a long-time supporter of the Museum. Dave’s webpage is the primary resource for things to do and things that are happening in North Brevard. So, if you get a chance, check out [www.nbbd.com/godo/history/](http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history/) for yourself and expect to be pleasantly surprised.

## Museum Now Officially Friendly!

By Katie McQuade

A very observant visitor to the Museum may notice a new decal on the front door, directly below one for the Downtown Titusville Merchants Association. We have recently joined Titusville's newly created Bicyclists and Boaters Business Friendly Program, an endeavor aimed at attracting folks lured to the city by our three major bike trails and full-service marina. As participants in the program, we will continue our usual practices of providing local maps, a bike rack, selling small Titusville mementos, and most of all answering visitors' questions about the area such as where they can find the closest bike shop, hardware store, ATM, restaurant, etc. In short, we will continue our tradition of being friendly and helpful to visitors. In return, we will have an appropriate designation on the two Downtown Business Directory signs, and will be noted on the map to be distributed at the Downtown Welcome Center and Titusville Marina. We will also be listed on the City's Economic Development & Community

Redevelopment web pages. If you have any questions about this program, please contact me (321-268-1637).



## Board Elections – Part II

by Bill Baldwin

As stated in the October newsletter, a final ballot to elect 2019-2020 Officers & Directors will be included in this newsletter. Your job, as members, is simple: insert a check mark or "X" in the box adjacent to your preferences, fold ballot along the dotted line, then mail (or bring) your ballot to the Museum or bring it to the October Member Dinner meeting where the final tabulation will be made. Please vote for each Officer position and for 6 Directors. The final results will be disclosed at the October Membership meeting. Until the October Member meeting, you can still name and vote for someone not on the ballot, however, you might want to get a lot of your friends to vote for that person too since the norm is to vote for seated Board members.

Museum Officers/Directors Ballot for 2019/2020 term	
<b>Officers</b>	<b>Directors</b>
<b>Pres.</b> <u>Bill Baldwin *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Gini Campbell *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Michael Knight *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Katie McQuade *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Susan Nelson *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Esther Vulpius *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Herman Wattwood *</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Sec.</b> <u>Judy Davis *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Treas.</b> <u>Linda Siano *</u> <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	
* denotes incumbent	
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# Dates to Remember

- *October 15<sup>th</sup>* Board meeting at 10 am (Museum).
- *October 22<sup>nd</sup>* Membership meeting at 5:30 pm (Dixie Crossroads) ~ dinner, meeting, election.
- *November 19<sup>th</sup>* Board meeting at 10 am (Museum).
- *December 17<sup>th</sup>* Board meeting at 10 am (Museum).

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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