

THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

(Newsletter Editor – Judy Davis)

Dates to Remember:

- Sept 9th 10 am BBQ meeting (at Museum)
- Sept 16th 10 am Board meeting (at Museum)
- Sept 23rd 12 noon member lunch meeting (at Dixie Crossroads)
- Oct 19th 11-4 Afternoon in the Park (at Fox Lake Park)
- Oct 21st 10 am Board meeting (at Museum)
- Nov 12th 5:30 pm member dinner meeting (at Dixie Crossroads)
- Nov 18th 10 am Board meeting (at Museum)
- Dec 16th 10 am Board meeting (at Museum)

** Members are welcome at Board meetings **



President's Message

by Bill Baldwin

This is just a gentle reminder. There are still 43 members who have yet to renew their 2019 memberships. For members with delinquent dues, an asterisk (*) has been placed on the address label of your newsletter. The Museum depends on those membership donations to maintain our daily operation, therefore, I implore everyone to check their label and send in their

membership dues ASAP. Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for family (2 or more). Failure to renew memberships will result in deleting you from the rolls.



September Luncheon at Dixie Crossroads

by Amy Spillers

Our September luncheon speaker will be Andi Dockstader from *Cape Canaveral National Cemetery*. Andi will share information on services available for Veterans and their spouses. So, don't forget to mark your calendars for Monday, September 23rd at 12:00 noon for lunch at Dixie Crossroads.



New Director

The Board would like to announce the addition of Dr. **Debbie Coughlin** as our newest Museum Director. Debbie just recently retired from the school system where she was the *Brevard*

County Teacher of the Year for 2001. Already, she has exhibited a genuine enthusiasm needed to preserve the ideals of the Museum. Welcome to the club Debbie!



Primetime Presentation

by Bill Baldwin

The Museum was asked to make a presentation to the Primetime group at Temple Baptist Church covering the Museum and a little history of Titusville. We were very well received by the Primetimers and several indicated that it was one of their best presentations. Mary Hopkins Titus made an appearance (in costume) and gave a history of what life was like married to Col. Titus. She (a.k.a. our own Barbara Batchelder) was a hit. Unfortunately, Barbara has indicated she was hanging up her outfit and retiring from the stage. Good job, Barb.



Barbara Batchelder



Audit Complete

by Bill Baldwin

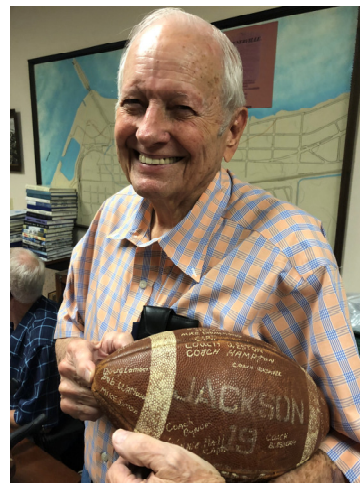
The annual audit of the books for the Museum was completed in record time. Margaret Vesels, Vickie Miller and Debbie Melvin walked through them without a hitch. All expressed a gratitude to Treasurer Linda Siano for presenting them a set of books that were complete and easy to follow. All three were so impressed that they felt Linda should get a raise so doubling her salary should not be a problem. You know, life is easy when you work with people like this. Thanks “Guys”!



Displays

by Amy Spillers

Our very own Herman Wattwood holding one of two footballs from *Jackson Junior High School* with his son, Bob Wattwood’s name on it. The footballs were donated by the Fred Bynum family. Mr. Bynum was a coach at *Jackson Junior High School* before he went to *Astronaut High School*. The footballs are from the years 1966-1967 when Jackson beat Parkway Junior High in football.



Herman Wattwood, Jr.

Displays, continued

We have a new addition to the kitchen area in the Museum. A full-page ad for the Piggly Wiggly grocery store. In case you didn't know, the Museum was the former location of our local Piggly Wiggly grocery store. Although no date was found on the ad, after careful research we feel this ad was from the 1940's because fresh peaches were 11 ½ cents a pound and Mullet was 3 pounds for 25 cents! Don't you wish those prices would come back today! We are very fortunate to receive donated gems from the past. As we get them, we tuck them here and there all over the Museum. Come on down and look around and see if you can spot them. Admission is Free!



Museum was the former location of our local Piggly Wiggly grocery store

Rack Cards

The Museum received 5,000 new rack cards from the printer and are ready to be given out or disbursed to hotels/restaurants/etc. as an advertisement for the Museum. We have member Debbie Melvin to THANK for creating them. Docents, you might want to give one out to visitors as a souvenir and they might pass it along to another prospective visitor.



BBQ Music

Music at this year's *Afternoon In the Park* celebration on October 19th will take on a very professional feel. Internationally known pianist/vocalist **JD Daniel** will honor us with his jazz and contemporary music style. This is one presentation you don't want to miss.

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
- Website: www.nbbd.com/godo/history/
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26th ANNUAL AFTERNOON IN THE PARK

by Susan Nelson

Greetings members! I hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to our upcoming **26th Annual Afternoon In the Park** which will be held this year on October 19th at Fox Lake Park from 11 a.m. Until 4 p.m. We have changed our event from the traditional March venue to October, since Cracker Day will no longer be held. Thanks to the “Old Dogs” for donating their remaining funds to the NBHS. We are hoping this year will be bigger and better than last year, and maybe those “Old Dogs” will get off the porch and come help us celebrate.

TICKETS ~ There are a few changes this year with sending out the tickets in this newsletter. We sent 2 yellow tickets (instead of 3) to each current member along with an addressed envelope for you to either pay for your tickets and send your check in, or for those who can't make it to the event but would like to support the Museum, you can pay for the tickets and send them back with the check. All tickets that are paid for and returned are used to feed student volunteers, some of the entertainment, and others as needed. All yellow tickets will need to be validated at the event before using them. If you would like more tickets, they are available at the Museum or the day of at the gate and are green. These will not have to be validated. Children's orange tickets are \$5 each and are available at the Museum or at the gate and will not have to be validated.

DISPLAYS ~ We are getting quite a lineup for displays and demos already. Returning from last year will be a *stained glass display* by Judy Brooks, the *Fossil Guy*, and *Sea Beans & Treasures from the Sea*. In addition, we will have the *Brevard Nature Alliance* and *University of Central Florida's Indian River Lagoon Oyster Restoration Project*, who will be looking forward to talking with folks that can remember where the big oyster beds were “back in the day”. We are waiting to hear from more display and demo possibilities, so we should have quite a lineup come October 19th. Those doing demos or displays will be allowed to sell their wares during the event.

ACTIVITIES ~ There will be a flurry of activities during the BBQ which will include line dancers, cake walks, games for the kids, and of course the ever popular 50/50 raffle. Last year's winner received more than \$250! We will also be selling raffle tickets at the Museum and the day of for two items that are on display now in the window at the Museum. One is a colorful butterfly quilt that was hand quilted by Pat Widick, a former Museum member. The other is an antique Fleetwing Racer snow sled with a pair of ice skates that can be used for decorating for Christmas (donated by Amy Spillers). Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and you do not have to be present to win.

ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW ~ We will be hosting an Antique Car Show again this year, and will be able to take up to 40 entries. Trophies and prizes will be given out for 1st through 4th placements, and each BBQ ticket will have a ballot that can be used for voting for a favorite car. Once tallied, ballots will go into a box for drawing for door prizes. Drawings will be ongoing during the day and prizes will be gift cards for different downtown merchants and more! Car show winners will be announced at 2 p.m. **NEWSFLASH!!!** The *Titusville Police Department* will be bringing out their antique 1949 Ford Sedan that has been refurbished in the spitting image of the original police department car from back in “the day”. Amy Matthews, the PIO for the Police Dept. will be one of 3 representatives from TPD with the display. It should be a real crowd pleaser!

VOLUNTEERS ~ Of course, none of this would be possible if it wasn't for you - our members - who volunteer to help out at the **Afternoon in the Park**. We are going to need as many people as we can get to make this a successful event this year. If you haven't already made your intentions known, you can contact Susan Nelson at 321-544-2814, and we will also have a sign-up sheet at the Museum. Thank you in advance for your support and helping out in whatever way you can!

