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February 2011

**PLEASE JOIN US**

Saturday, February 12th

3 P M

Melbourne Public Library

540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

**A Presentation by John Daly**

**W. T. Wells of Melbourne**

**and the Story of**

**Green Gables**



October 2010 photo by John Fergus

John will share his research of William Twining Wells and his family who settled in Melbourne in 1896. His presentation will explore the life and contribution of Mr. Wells and the fascinating details of the house he built along the Indian River in the very special Riverview Village neighborhood.

The East Coast Advocate frequently mentions the comings and goings of the Wells family, as well as continuing construction on the house. Did you know:

\*Wells had developed a substantial improvement on existing processes for making what was then called rustless iron. His products were used for everything from irrigation pipe to decorative ironwork.

\*Local legend has it that Well's house had the first bathtub and was wired for electricity.

\*Wells was interested in education and instrumental in setting up a school, educational building, and public library.

**PLEASE READ INSIDE FOR A CORRECTION RE MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

SO<sup>U</sup>TH BRE<sup>V</sup>ARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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**Dear Members and Friends...**

I thank Weona Cleveland for reminding us that on April 28th of this year, the SBHS will be 45 years old. April 28th marks the first organizational meeting at which Homer Cato was elected President.

Other officers were Mrs. William Moorehead, Vice President, Laura Hiott, Secretary, and Henry Green, Treasurer.

Directors were Phil Ferrari, Joseph Fisher, Jim Stephanic, Harold Edwards, and Frank Laibl. Brevard old-timers will recognize these names.

Founding members came together because they shared a concern that our history not be lost. The mission was and remains to collect and preserve the materials and stories of Brevard's history and share that history with the public. This mission is even more imperative today.

Carol Andren, SBHS Co-President ( 725-4115)  
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**CORRECTION RE MEMBERSHIP**

In preparing last month's newsletter mailing list, I misread a membership report and incorrectly gave some people credit for payment of their 2011 dues.

So.....if we have no record of your 2011 dues you will have a red dot on your mailing label.

And.....you have one more newsletter.

If....you have a red dot on your newsletter and have paid your 2011 dues, please call me (to complain) and I'll help straighten it out.

If your dues payment is late, please feel free to mail it in or to pay at any meeting.

MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR THIS ERROR!  
Carol (725-4115)

The SBHS thanks AAA Malabar Mini-Storage, located across the street from the Malabar Town Hall, for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society's collections and archives.

**SBHS CALENDAR .....**

**MARCH 12**

We celebrate Florida Archaeology at the Lagoon House

**APRIL 9 3 PM**

The Ozaki Family of Eau Gallie by Sandy Wilson  
Melbourne Public Library, Fee Avenue

**MAY 14 3 PM**

Rufus Beaujean of Melbourne Beach by Frank Thomas  
Melbourne Public Library, Fee Avenue

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**Around Brevard**

**Melbourne/Eau Gallie**

**Historic Rossetter House Museum & Gardens**

Friday, March 4th Ghost Tour  
.5:30 PM \$10 per person

1320 Highland Avenue in the Eau Gallie Arts District of Melbourne  
phone: 254-9855 for reservations

**Palm Bay**

**LAGOON HOUSE**

The Marine Resources Council of East Florida

3275 Dixie Hwy (US 1) on the Indian River Lagoon, just south of the Honda dealership.

Exhibits, activities and programs on the science and history of the IRL. Open 9-5 Mon-Fri 9-1 Sat

Admission is free.

For more information phone:

321-725-7775 or go to [www.mrcirl.org](http://www.mrcirl.org)

**FPAN and the Florida Historical Society**

Friday, February 11 7 PM

"In Search of Shipyards: Boatbuilding on Maryland's Eastern Shore"  
Florida Historical Society headquarters, 435 Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Village.  
For information phone: [321-690-1971](tel:321-690-1971).

**Melbourne Beach The Old Town Hall History Center**

2373 Oak Street (across from Spaceward Holland Golf Course)

Open Saturdays 11-3

FEBRUARY EXHIBIT- Members thank Frank Thomas for donating several laminated old newspapers which are being used for this exhibit. There are various issues dating from 1927 to 1963 containing a wealth of information there.

MARCH EXHIBIT - a wonderful ART SHOW with an exceptional variety of beautiful works.

For more information call 321-676-0660.

**The Liberty Bell Museum** is currently reorganizing it's exhibits. We'll have more on that in the March newsletter. You can visit and watch the progress.  
1601 Oak Street, Melbourne

**In March we celebrate Florida Archaeology Month**

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY at the Lagoon House  
Saturday, March 12th  
10 AM - 4 PM

Join us for lectures and exhibits celebrating Florida's fascinating past

Participants: The Marine Resources Council  
Florida Public Archaeology Network, East Central Region  
The Indian River Anthropological Society  
South Brevard Historical Society

Details in the March newsletter.

Please note: this will take the place of our regular monthly meeting.

**Introducing our Speaker**

**JOHN DALY**

John Daly developed an interest in old buildings while growing up in sparsely populated central Virginia. The old timers knew where to find old houses hidden in the woods. Many had been abandoned during the Civil War, some were newer. The old houses may not have been able to talk, but John wanted to be one of those who could help tell their stories...

After taking a major in mathematics along with several history courses at the University of California, Riverside, John began working full time in a technical field while learning how to restore antique pianos and organs. He also got a JD in Law from the University of Florida and most recently an M. A. in Historic Preservation from Savannah College of Art and Design.

His goal is to listen to the buildings, tell their stories, hopefully even keep them alive.

**IN SYMPATHY**

Members of the South Brevard Historical Society extend our sympathy to board member Denise Bozeman and her family at the loss of her father, Edgar Hugh Bozeman, Jr. a long time member of the South Brevard community.

**Kellersberger Fund Publications**

The following books published by the *SBHS Kellersberger Fund* are available for sale by the SBHS: **Tales of Old Brevard**, by Georgiana Kjerulff, **Rooted in Florida Soil**, by Julia Lake Kellersberger; **Historic Florida: A Closer Look at the Photographs of a Century Ago in Three Dimensions**, by Clement Slade; **Troubled Paradise: Melbourne Village, Florida**, by Georgiana Kjerulff; and **Pineapples are Never Black or White**, by Harry Goode, Sr.

Publications will be available for purchase at our February meeting..