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PLEASE JOIN US

Saturday, September 11, 2010

3:00 P M

Melbourne Public Library

540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

PLACES THAT MATTER

A Panel Presentation About Historical Preservation in South Brevard County

MELBOURNE BEACH THE RYCKMAN HOUSE

Built in 1889 by Jacob Fox. It was purchased by G. E. Ryckman who is listed as an incorporator in the Melbourne and Atlantic Railroad Company. Restoration of this building is a current project of the Melbourne Beach Historical Preservation and Awareness Board.

Presented by a member of the restoration committee.

MELBOURNE'S RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD site of Riverview Village,

Melbourne's first platted subdivision. This scenic drive has some of Melbourne's oldest residences once homes of local bankers, plantation owners, investors, doctors, and the Carlton Hotel..

Presented by Diane Barile, resident, owner of the historic Elizabeth Eaton house. She is adjunct professor at FIT and a member of the Melbourne Historic Preservation Board.

EAU GALLIE THE EAU GALLIE ARTS DISTRICT (EGAD)

This redevelopment district includes the Brevard Art Museum and Museum School, Historic Rossetter House Museum, Eau Gallie Riverfront Library, Eau Gallie Civic Center, two public parks, a band shell and fishing pier. Part of the Vision for this area includes preserving historical elements to support the cultural heritage of Eau Gallie.

Presented by Gene Davis, member of the Eau Gallie CRA Advisory Board. Retired as a Colonel from the Air Force, he has been involved in many organizations including the Space Coast Writers Guild, the Space Coast International Visitor's Council and is currently president of Tiger Bay.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

On July 22nd I attended a very lengthy Brevard County Commission budget workshop. It began at 6 PM but I had to leave on July 23rd at 2:30 AM because I might fall asleep while driving home if I stayed any later. I attended because the Director of Parks and Recreation (the budgetary home of Brevard's history) recommended defunding the Historical Commission.

In the August 28, 2010 edition of the Florida Today, Bob Gross said it best. "Brevard County has the richest history of any county in the United States," said Bob Gross of Rockledge, historian and former commission chairman. "We were occupied by the Spanish, the French, the English... We're given credit that Ponce de Leon first landed here...and Cape Canaveral was the first named geographic landmark on the continent of North America. And we launched the first space travel to the moon. We cover the whole gamut...No other county has the history that we have, and the county itself has done virtually nothing to promote that."

In difficult economic times the arts, culture and environment are easy budget cutting targets. Yet these are the things that raise the quality of our lives and offer us hope. Please support the Brevard County Historical Commission by contacting your County Commissioner and asking them to include funding in the 2011-12 budget. Final budget votes will be September 14th and 28th.

Carol Andren, President SBHS

SBHS CALENDAR.....

SEPTEMBER 11TH 3 PM
General Program Meeting: Places That Matter

OCTOBER 9 3-5 PM
General Meeting Walking Tour of Melbourne's historical neighborhood along Riverview Drive with Diane Barile

OCTOBER 23 8-1
SBHS YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 13 3 PM
General Program Meeting Presented by historian and author, Sonny Witt

Around Brevard

FALL FOR THE ARTS

October 1
5:30 - 9:30 PM
Highland Avenue in the Eau Gallie Arts District
Come to this exciting celebration of Brevard's Arts and Cultural organizations sponsored by the Brevard Cultural Alliance. Performances include the Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Eddy and Robin and the Secrets, Sanlahi (Filipino dance), the Brevard Children's Chorus and members of the Melbourne Municipal Band. Be sure to visit the SBHS table.

FPAN and the Florida Historical Society

FALL LECTURE SERIES

7 PM

September 17th "Archaeology Along the St. Johns"
Sarah Miller Regional Director, North East Region

October 1st "Ancient Medicine in Florida: Examining the Evidence for Medicine at the 7,000-year-old site of Windover"
Dr. Rachel Wentz, Regional Director, East Central Region

Held at the Florida Historical Society headquarters, 435 Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Village.
For more information phone: 321-690-1971 ext 223

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 Dimension**, by Clement Slade; **Troubled Paradise: Melbourne Village, Florida**, by Georgiana Kjerulff; and **Pineapples are Never Black or White**, by Harry Goode, Sr.

These Publications will be available for purchase at our September 11th meeting.

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.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR OCTOBER YARD

Time to clean out the closets, the garage, the bookshelves. We need donations such as household items, books, clothing, toys, furniture, tools. Drop off and pick up of items begins Monday, October 11th.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23rd

8 AM - 1 PM

906 S. Ramona Avenue Indialantic

Call 725-4115 for information and to volunteer

Rain Date: Saturday, October 30th

HURRICANES: An Historical Perspective

From the pages of the *East Coast Advocate*, October 1,1909

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"From a meteorological point of view the vicinity of Cape Canaveral is the most desirable point to locate in the semi-tropics, according to the observations of an Italian mechanical engineer. Hence his appearance on the Indian River in search of a homestead.

The big storms that sweep over the West Indies from Cape Verde, Africa, cross the Atlantic, describing a semi-circle, reform, hit the Windward Isles (aptly named) and strike the coast near Charleston, they proceed up the Atlantic coast and out to sea near Boston; or they go up the Gulf of Mexico, striking Galveston, thence through the Southern into the Middle Atlantic States.

The region about Cape Canaveral the Italian engineer regards as a calm belt. His view seems to be confirmed by the Weather Bureau at Washington and verified by the experience of those inhabiting the Indian River region. Cape Canaveral seems to mark the natural divide in the atmospheric forces. The divide extends across the state due west, including the Indian River orange belt.

The visitation of destructive storms in this vicinity are rare. As a rule they pass by, up the coast or across the Gulf. Therefore the Indian River region will always be a desirable location for winter homes.

Sail boats plied the river every day last week while the big storm was circling around us from the Gulf to the Atlantic, and our friends north were in dreadful apprehension that we were in the path of the storm."

East Coasts Advocate, October 15, 1909

THE HURRICANE

"The hurricane the first of the week did great damage to Key West, estimated at \$2,000,000. At Miami there was some damage but principally to buildings in course of construction. The Key West extension of the Florida East Coast Railway escaped serious damage, due mainly to the storm warnings sent out by the Weather Department and the precautions taken by those in charge to protect property and the lives of the workmen. After visiting Miami the hurricane continued its course out on the broad Atlantic.

No apprehension was felt at Titusville as this section is out of the course of storms going up the Atlantic. In fact, that territory adjacent to Cape Canaveral is said by scientists to be the most protected on the Atlantic Coast."

THERE, NOW DON'T YOU FEEL SAFER?

East Coast Advocate articles contributed by Weona Cleveland