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YES, I would like to help with the South Brevard Historical Society's projects!

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A Presentation by Margaret Broussard

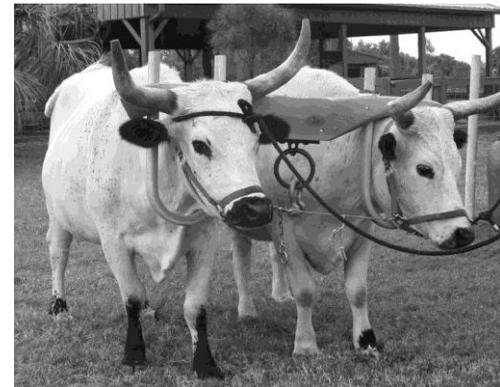
The co-founder of Forever Florida--
**“Cracker” Cattle, Horses & the
 History of Ranching in Florida**

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 3 PM
 Melbourne Public Library**

540 E. Fee Avenue
 Melbourne, FL

On Saturday, December 13, the South Brevard Historical Society will host Margaret Broussard, co-founder of Forever Florida, as she delivers an illustrated program on the history of ranching in Florida and talks about their herd of historic Cracker cattle and horses. Did you know Florida is the first state to have cattle and horses, and “cowboys”? The cattle and horses post-Civil War settlers captured and used to build herds in Florida were wild descendants of stock brought to the New World by the Spanish 350 years earlier. These “Cracker” cattle are being studied in a joint project of the William and Margaret Broussard family, Louisiana State University, and the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, with the hope of improving characteristics of other breeds.

Margaret Broussard is a Florida native and long-time Brevard County resident. She will also discuss the Broussard’s Crescent J Ranch and the adjoining 3,200-acre conservation area, Forever Florida, founded and supported by herself and her husband in Osceola County. The ranch and the Forever Florida are open to the public and offer a variety of activities, including horseback rides, Cracker Coach tours, overnight trail rides, and a summer camp.



Heritage Cracker livestock at Forever Florida

Dear SBHS Members and Friends,

As 2008 closes, I can still say "It's Been a Very Good Year". Thanks to Board members and membership we've been able to continue the reorganization of the Society begun by past president Betty Preece three years ago.

We have successfully transferred items, documents, and photos owned by the Society to a new storage facility. This "collection" is being evaluated and organized. We've continued to present high quality programming for our members and the public. The Society has participated in several cultural events and demand for programs from our historian members has increased. The Newsletter has been a greater source of information about activities and news of interest to our membership. We held a much needed, successful fundraiser.

I want to thank the SBHS Board of Directors for the successful past year. All Board members participated and all contributed. Thanks to long time Society members for rejoining and welcome to new members.

Plans for 2009 are in the works. Look for some exciting announcements for programming and events. Put the Society on your 2009 calendar for the second Saturday of each month from September through June. Keep some space available for other activities. We need volunteers to assist as we continue organizing our "collection". We need volunteers to help at general meetings and at special public events. Let us know if you have an area of special interest. We need help with publicity so if you have access to community bulletin board or can announce our meetings at a club meeting please let us know.

I invite you to join with your SBHS Board to meet the challenge and promise of the new year.

Carol Andren, President
Contact me for more information:
725-4115

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Florida Public Archeology Network launches its first FPAN "Dirt on Film" Series. Films are shown at 7pm, BCC, Titusville Campus, Auditorium Bldg 1. FREE No Registration Necessary FREE

For more information call (321) 433-5042 or visit www.fpaneastcentral.org

January 8th, 2009--"Smyrna: Lost and Found," discussion by Local Historian Dot Moore.

Explore the archaeology and history of the Turnbull Plantation (located in present day New Smyrna). This 1770's plantation was a large scale economic venture by Andrew Turnbull that ended in failure but brought a large number of Minorcans to Florida's First Coast.

February 12th, 2009--"Journey into Wilderness: Florida's Indian River Lagoon."

Ever wonder what Florida's Space Coast was like before NASA? Delve into the vast history of the Indian River Lagoon from early Spanish explorers who expanded the European frontier to the American astronauts who expanded the human frontier into space and all the railroads and citrus ventures in between.

March 5th, 2009--"Shadows and Reflections: Florida's Lost People."

Follow Florida artist Ted Morris as he attempts to understand what the first peoples of Florida were really like.

In order to portray the images of Florida Indians, Morris visits several key prehistoric Florida sites and talks to key Florida archaeologists. Sites include a Paleo-Indian site on the Aucilla River and several sites from European contact. Native groups include the Calusa, Apalachee, Timucua, and Tequesta.

April 2nd, 2009 (DOUBLE FEATURE)--

"America's Prehistoric Civilizations: The Mound Builders." The Mississippian Mound Builders created grand earthen works, the continent's first cities. Join us as we explore these engineering feats and the cultures that created them.

American Discovery, to Revolution: "The Spanish Frontier." (30min)

Learn about Spain's many explorations throughout Florida and other parts of what is now the American southeast, including Columbus, Ponce de Leon, Cabeza de Vaca, Hernando de Soto and Coronado.

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Upcoming Programs

Jan, 2009, SBHS sponsors the Broussards of Florida Forever in a program about **Florida cracker cattle and ponies** and old days and old ways in the real Florida environment.

Feb, 2009, SBHS presents Nancy Platt and a program about "**Growing Up Cracker.**"

Mar, 2009 plans are in the works for a program by Bob Gross on the very **earliest settlement of Brevard** (Mosquito) County.

April, 2009, SBHS presents Ann Raley Flotte giving a **brief history of Melbourne and Eau Gallie**, the first hundred years, illuminated with slides, old postcards, and photos.

Old Melbourne Beach Town Hall History Center

Visitors to the History Center in Melbourne Beach can see a number of exhibits on display concerning the history of the community. The History Center, located on Ocean Ave, just north of its intersection with A1A, is open on Saturdays from 11 to 3, or by appointment.

Ongoing SBHS Local History Exhibit at the Indian River Lagoon House

Don't forget to stop by the Lagoon House, Marine Resources Council, at 3275 NE Dixie Hwy, Palm Bay. You'll see it on the east side of US#1, just 1.5 miles south of US#192.

SBHS thanks **AAA Malabar Mini-Storage** on Malabar Rd. for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society's collections and archives.

ADA PARRISH, honored by Brevard County Commission.

Last month, local historian and pioneer family member, Ada Edmiston Parrish, was honored by the Brevard County Commission for her outstanding contributions to local history. In 1963, Parrish held an organizational meeting at her home for the Brevard County Historical Society. In 1964, she helped organize the Brevard County Historical Commission. The Commission was incorporated into the County government in 1973, with Ada Parrish was a charter commissioner. She has continued to serve on the Commission for 45 years, co-authored four local history books, and been active in the Mosquito Beaters since its founding in 1986, The Florida Historical Society, the Philip Perry Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution, The Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, The Brevard Heritage Council and the North Brevard Historical Society. As a vintage Postcard collector, Ada is a Charter Member of the Space Coast Postcard Club.



Ada E. Parrish

These books published by the SBHS Kellersberger Fund are available for sale at meetings:

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 Dimesion**, by Clement Slade; **Troubled Paradise: Melbourne Village, Florida**, by Georgiana Kjerulff; and **Pineapples are Never Black or White**, by Harry Goode, Sr. Books For more info, call Ellen Noyd, 727-2689 or 779-4004.