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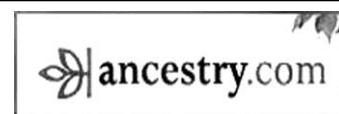
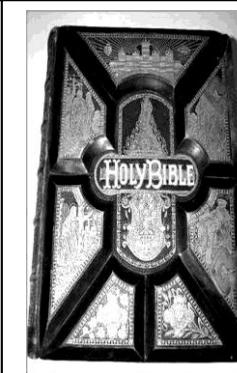
**A Presentation by Marion Harrison**

**Finding Your Family History:  
Local Genealogical Resources  
& our Annual Ice Cream Social**

**Saturday, June 13, 3 PM  
Melbourne Public Library**  
540 E. Fee Avenue  
Melbourne, FL

Saturday, June 13, 2009, at 3:00 PM at the Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne, the South Brevard Historical Society presents Marion Harrison of the Genealogical Society of South Brevard and the LDS Family History Center in Rockledge. She will acquaint us with local genealogical resources and expand our ideas of how we can use these tools in more generalized research. Members of the SBHS and the Genealogical Society will participate in an open discussion with the public on finding our individual and family histories.

The program will be followed by our annual ice cream social. We extend a welcome to all and hope you enjoy our final program of the season.



**Dear SBHS Members and Friends,**

It was Memorial Day, and I was in Colorado when I began to write this column. I had just visited Grinnell to attend the college graduation of a grandson and I'd like to reflect on the preservation of historic architecture in Grinnell, Iowa.

Grinnell's a small town with a fascinating history and most of its downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I first learned about this from a simple photocopied two-fold brochure I picked up in our hotel. No one seemed to know about the organization credited with its publication or when it was printed but, through chance and some perseverance, I found the one person responsible for its continued dissemination.

She worked for the Chamber of Commerce, located in the Merchants' National Bank Building, one of eight Midwestern "jewel-box" banks designed by Louis Sullivan. Wells Fargo operates this bank out of a beautiful, architecturally-compatible addition to the original structure. We even got a guided tour of the building. Her distribution of the brochure was her own labor of love.

So, as I was *remembering* this on Memorial Day, three distinct ideas came from the experience. First, we can't remember if we don't have information. We must conduct historical interviews, we must preserve and archive important documents, photos and papers, and we must support the people and institutions that perform these services. We must be watchful in these difficult times that these resources aren't sacrificed. In Brevard County, that's our Historical Commission and the office in Cocoa. So, keep an eye on this when we get to the County Commission budget public hearings.

Second, historic preservation and promoting local history are good for the economy. It's clean and it's green. We really need the word spread about that in our South Brevard community. Third, my belief that one person can make a difference was reinforced by finding the person responsible for my finding the Grinnell history brochure. She didn't start it but she kept it going and was enthusiastic about the history of the bank and her town. Surely if one person can make that difference imagine what one organization can do!

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**Betty Preece**, long-time former president of the South Brevard Historical Society, passed away on May 17. Her contributions to the field of local history are many, and include assisting author Georgiana Kjerulff in research for the book, *Tales of Old Brevard*. Betty was a supporter of women in education, particularly in her field of engineering, and was honored for her many contributions in that area. We on the SBHS Board of Directors will particularly miss her presence and talents.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network and Brevard Community College continue their 2008 "In the Dirt" Florida Archaeology Lecture Series. Lectures are held at 7pm at the MELBOURNE CAMPUS, Bldg. 7, Room 115, (321) 433-5042 FREE – NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

June 25th, 2009--Journey into Wilderness: Florida's Indian River Lagoon with Special Discussant - Florida Historian and FHS Executive Director Dr. Ben Brotemarkle. Ever wonder what Florida's Space Coast was like before NASA? Join us as we delve into the vast history of 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.

July 23rd, 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.

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### News and Announcements

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.

#### 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.

**Florida Frontiers: The Weekly Radio Magazine of the Florida Historical Society** is a weekly, half-hour radio program airing on public radio stations throughout the state. It can be heard of WMFE, 90.7 on Thursdays, 6:30 pm, and on WFIT, 89.5 Sundays at 7 am.

The SBHS has its new website online up and running! Thanks to intrepid webmaster, Carl Andren, and his assistant, Carol, our wonderful president, the website tells about SBHS and provides links to other local history sites as well as providing copies of our newsletters since Jan 2009. Come check us out at: [www.SouthBrevardHistory.org](http://www.SouthBrevardHistory.org)

The City of Melbourne will commemorate the former **Union Cypress Sawmill** with the dedication of a historical marker on June 16th at 5:30 pm. It will be located near the SE corner of Macedonia Baptist Church at the intersection of Mill and Lipscomb Streets. The **Union Cypress Co.** was Melbourne's first big industry and employer. The sawmill was a 3-story steel structure with five 150-hp boilers. It supplied Melbourne's first electricity. The company's railway to Deer Park was first direct route across the St Johns River in this area. 40,000 board feet of lumber and 49,000 shingles could be produced daily from the cypress/pine holdings of owner George W. Hopkins. The area of Melbourne south of Crane Creek was the company-owned town of Hopkins and had 69 buildings. The big mill burned in 1919 and was replaced by a smaller pine mill. After Hopkins died in 1923, the mill was sold and reopened briefly, but it ceased operation during the Great Depression. Historian and expert on the Union Cypress Company, Ed Vosatka, stands next to the marker. Vosatka is on the SBHS Board and is a Brevard Co. Historical Commissioner.



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 Dimension**, 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.