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

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**Bob Gross: Settlement of Florida's East Coast**

*Human Settlement on the  
Florida East Coast:  
Prehistory to Today*

**Saturday, Mar. 14, 3 PM**  
**Melbourne Public Library**  
 540 E. Fee Avenue  
 Melbourne, FL

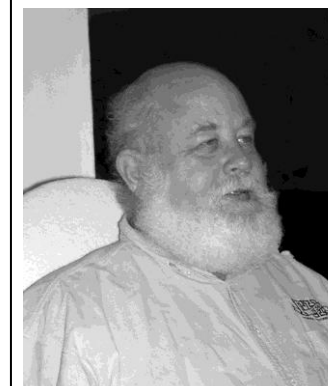
Saturday, Mar. 14, 2009, at 3:00 PM at the Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne, the South Brevard Historical Society presents Bob Gross giving a talk on Settlement on the Florida East Coast: Prehistory to Today. Bob will begin with the earliest human occupation and conclude with his predictions about future development. Come and find out who came here, when and why, and what lands were first occupied and why. Bob will also touch on the various Booms and Busts which have affected the local economy as well as the varying levels of population over time.

Bob Gross has been studying the history of Brevard County and the East Coast of Florida for over 50 years. A historical and archeological consultant, Bob is a former

Chairman of the Brevard County Historical Commission and works at the Florida Historical Society. He is currently researching a detailed history of the Cape Canaveral area from prehistoric times.



*Left: a map done by a Spanish cartographer of the east coast of Florida in 1584.*



*Right: local historian, Bob Gross.*

## Dear SBHS Members and Friends,

I hope you didn't miss Margaret Broussard's wonderful January program on Cracker horses, cattle and Florida ranching that took us all the way back to the 1500's and the Spanish presence. Nancy Platt's shared memories of family and growing up on a local Florida ranch gave special insight into the lifestyle and hard work of our ranchers.. We thank you both, Margaret and Nancy, for so generously sharing your time and information with us.

This month we complete this three part Brevard Settlement Series with Bob Gross presenting the overview of settlement back to the time when Brevard's county line looked a lot different. Look for more "related topic" heritage programming in the fall.

The SBHS has a website under construction and the next newsletter will announce the website name so you can refer all your friends. We'll start simple but plan to expand to include more information about Society activities, articles about South Brevard, community information, and informative links. Carl Andren has agreed to serve as webmaster. Thanks, Carl, for all your time spent on this.

See you March 14th!

Carol Andren, President  
725-4115

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**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.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CALL FOR PAPERS for the Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, May 20-23, 2009** Pensacola, "From Tristán de Luna to the Twenty-First Century: 450 Years of Florida's History." Proposals for individual papers, panels and roundtable discussions in all areas of Florida history are welcome, with papers on the history of Pensacola being especially relevant. Contact Dr. Ben Brotmarkle, Executive Director, 321-690-1971 ext. 201, or visit the Society website at [www.myfloridahistory.org](http://www.myfloridahistory.org) for information on hotel and room rate information. Proposals for individual papers should include a presentation title, a 150-word abstract and a one-page vita. Proposals for panels should include a 150-word abstract and one-page vita for each panel member plus a session title, a 150-word abstract of the panel and a suggested moderator/discussant. Proposals may be submitted by email as an MSWord attachment to the program committee chair at [jgcusick@ufl.edu](mailto:jgcusick@ufl.edu) or may be sent as a paper copy to James Cusick, Special & Area Studies Collections, George A. Smathers Library, University of Florida, Gainesville FL 32611-7005. The deadline for proposal submissions is February 15, 2009 The Society also seeks submissions for its annual awards. A full listing of awards and submission procedures can be found at [www.myfloridahistory.org/awards](http://www.myfloridahistory.org/awards).

**The Florida Historical Society Presents in the Florida Historical Library, 435 Brevard Av., Cocoa, FL:**

**Sat, March 7, 2 PM**, Neil Hurley giving a talk entitled: **FLORIDA'S LIGHTHOUSES IN THE CIVIL WAR** Yankees, Rebels, Pirates and Patriots: a True Accounting of Events At Florida Lighthouses During the War of Yankee Aggression. **Thurs, March 26, 7 PM** in the In conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Moore Heritage Festival of the Arts and Humanities, a theatrical presentation: **LETTERS FROM BREVARD: Historic Voices for Change**. The honored guest will be Evangeline Moore, daughter of Harry T and Harriette V. Moore. The program features Lady Gail Ryan as Caroline P. Rossetter, Johny Fontaine as Jack Rubin, Leroy Darby as Harry T. Moore, and Cheryl Frontz as Christa McAuliffe.

## South Brevard Historical Society, Inc. Upcoming Programs

**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.

**May, 2009**, the South Brevard Genealogical Society will hold a discussion on individual and **family history and the historical research tools available** for doing genealogical work.

**June, 2009** Dr. Ben Brotmarkle, Executive Director, giving a presentation on the **Florida Historical Society**, its history, programs, resources, and its new director. Reception to follow.

**Historical Exhibit now on display in the Melbourne Public Library 540 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne, March 1-31: RED CYPRESS and YELLOW PINE: Steam logging on Florida's future Space Coast, 1912-32.** An exhibit of photographs, models, and artifacts from Melbourne's first big industry, presented by Union Cypress Railway historian, Ed Vosatka. Special exhibits include artifacts from Melbourne's first electric system, electricity produced by the saw mill in 1914! Railroad track recovered in 2008, being buried over 75 years in the St. Johns Marsh.

**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.

Don't forget to attend the **17th Annual Pelican Island Wildlife Festival at Riverview Park, Sebastian, FL.** Saturday March 14, 2009 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers needed to help set up.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network and Brevard Community College continue their 2008 "In the Dirt" Florida Archaeology Lecture Series. Lectures are held at 7pm in the Auditorium in Bldg. 1, Titusville Campus - (321) 433-5042. All lectures are FREE and NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.

**Sat, March 7** marks the start of "Florida Archaeology Month"! We will be holding a kick-off event at the **Enchanted Forest Sanctuary in Titusville**. The event will include artifact displays and demonstrations, fossils, lectures and nature walks so come out and join us. This year's theme is "Spanish Contact" - Tim will be giving a lecture on "La Florida" that traces the events surrounding contact and I will be giving a lecture called "The Cost of Contact" that examines the health consequences of European contact on Native Americans. The event is free and no registration required. It will be held from 10-3 so come out and help us celebrate. Hope to see you all there!

**Thurs, March 19: Exploring Florida Shipwrecks** Mr. Jeff Moates, Regional Director, West Central Region Experience Florida shipwrecks, some of the state's oldest artificial reefs, through a presentation that covers total losses, salvage attempts, and archaeological investigations at sea. Also learn about a new interactive website, Museums in the Sea, created by Florida's Bureau of Archaeological Research.

**Sat. March 21 at 11AM**, the public is invited to attend the dedication of the **Ulumay State Historical Landmark Marker** at the Ulumay Wildlife Sanctuary, Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island. This is the second State Historical Landmark Marker in the County, Ponce de Leon Landing being the first landmark.

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.