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A Presentation by Dr. Ben Brotemarkle

**The Florida Historical
Society—
1856 to Today**

Saturday, May 9, 3 PM
Melbourne Public Library
 540 E. Fee Avenue
 Melbourne, FL

Saturday, May 9, 2009, at 3:00 PM at the Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne, the South Brevard Historical Society presents Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, the new director of the Florida Historical Society, who will be talking about the history and programs of the FHS. The Society, established in 1856 in St Augustine, is the oldest cultural organization in Florida and the only state-wide historical society. The Society operates the FHS Press, maintains the Library of Florida History at its headquarters in Cocoa Village, and manages the Historic Rossetter House Museum in the old Eau Gallie section of Melbourne. FHS publishes scholarly research in its *Florida Historical Quarterly*, produces a weekly radio program, *Florida Frontiers*, presents other educational programs, and holds its annual meeting in May.

Brotemarkle, a member of the Brevard County Historical Commission, is author of several books: *Beyond the Theme Parks: Exploring Central Florida*; *Images of America: Titusville and Mims*; *Barberville*; and *Crossing Division Street: An Oral History of the African American Community in Orlando*. He is Professor of Humanities at Brevard Community College, producer /host of *Florida*, and he has produced and hosted television documentaries, including *A Legacy of Hope: The Moore Heritage Festival of the Arts and Humanities*.



Dear SBHS Members and Friends,

I've always felt that the word "society" in our name was really important. I even looked it up in a dictionary, the old fashioned book kind that I had to wear two pair of glasses to read. Such pleasure!

Just as I had surmised, "society" does mean much more than "club" or "get together" or "organization". It does mean being bound by interest and the desire to share information and learn together. That's why our meetings are so special and that's why I often answer "history" questions I'm asked with "Come to our meeting ...we'll be discussing that" or "You should come to the meeting and meet Joe/Jane History, they'll know something about it".

So, in the spirit of "social" learning and sharing, our May and June programs will offer you a chance to find out more about resources located in Brevard County. Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, Executive Director of the Florida Historical Society, will be there in May to share the history of the FHSociety and what the FHSociety resources can offer us locally. In June, Marion Harrison of the Genealogical Society of South Brevard and the LDS Family History Center in Rockledge will acquaint us with local genealogical resources and expand our idea of how we can use these tools in more generalized research.

Join us and share your experience, your expertise and your questions.

Carol Andren
President, SBHS
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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 Brotemarkle, Executive Director, 321-690-1971 ext. 201, or visit the Society website at 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 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.

Fred Hopwood, long-time local resident and author of several local history books, passed away on April 19. His service and burial were in Ormond Beach, where his daughter lives. Fred was born in West Virginia in 1919, retired from the USAF and Civil Service. He is also survived by three grandchildren and five great-grands. His contribution to the history of South Brevard is enormous. Copies of his books are available in the local libraries and at the museum shop of the Florida Historical Society.

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.

South Brevard Historical Society, Inc.
Upcoming Programs

June, 2009, come and enjoy a program with the South Brevard Genealogical Society. Our Annual Ice Cream Social will follow. SBHS public presentations will resume in September, 2009.

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.

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

May 28th, 2009--Smyrna: Lost and Found with Special Discussant - 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.

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.

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

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 Dimensions**, 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.