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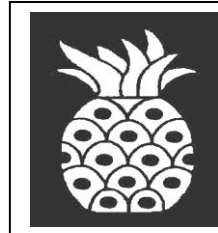
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Saturday, November 8, 2014 – 3:00 PM

*Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne*



French Florida

Presented by Ben DiBiase

Educational Resources Coordinator, Florida Historical Society

It is a pleasure to welcome Ben DiBiase back to the South Brevard Historical Society. He always delights the group with his presentations. Mr. DiBiase's program will discuss works from his recently released book *French Florida*.

Presented in this volume is the first English translation of Charles de La Ronciere's 1928 book *Florida Francaise: Scenes de la Vie Indienne*, a history of the French colonization in Florida during the late 16th century. These settlers were some of the first Europeans to make contact with the numerous native communities who had occupied the land for millennia.

Ben DiBiase is the Director of Educational Resources at the Florida Historical Society. Ben received his B.A. in History and Political Science from the University of Central Florida in 2009. He worked at the Rossetter House Museum as museum assistant and as a Rossetter Scholar in 2010. His responsibilities include archiving the document collection of the FHS.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

I would like to change the usual musings of this column and bring you an update on SBHS and related "history world" activities. I am sorry to report the resignations of SBHS VP Sandy Wilson and Director Nancy de la Moriniere. Nancy will continue to assist with our publicity. We look forward to she and Sandy remaining active with the Society. I thank them both on your behalf for performing jobs well done and say "Thank You" as well for their support and contribution to our continuing progress.

As many of you may know, I'm serving as Vice President of the historic preservation organization working to preserve the Wells House also known as Green Gables. I'm sorry if you missed the recent Open House. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed a crowd of about 400 enthusiastic visitors. "Guests" to the free event generously donated over \$1,800 toward preservation efforts. The Board of the SBHS did vote some time ago to support this project. Thank you to all who volunteered and attended on October 25th.

In closing this month I quote the purpose of the South Brevard Historical Society as set forth in our Articles of Incorporation: "The purpose of this society shall be to bring together those people interested in history, and especially in the history of Brevard County. Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation, and promotes a better appreciation of our American heritage."

Let's keep that goal in sight as we head toward the SBHS 50th Anniversary in 2016. It's timeless.

Carol Andren, SBHS President
321.725.4115

UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

November 22, 2014 10:00 AM
Field Trip to Cape Canaveral Lighthouse
Tour conducted by volunteers of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. See adjacent page for details.

December 13, 2014 3:00 PM
Our Historic Favorites – The Annual Show and Tell Program
SBHS Members and Friends share their historic artifacts and mementos.

Programs are free and held the second Saturday of each month (except during July and August summer break) at the Fee Avenue Melbourne Public Library 540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida



AROUND BREVARD

November 11, 2014 10:00 AM
Annual Veteran's Day Parade
Parade route will begin on Melbourne Avenue and end at the Liberty Bell Museum.
For detailed route information call Honor America at 321.727.1776

December 4-7, 2014 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Bensen House - Christmas Open House
Presented by the Grant Historical Society
5795 U.S. 1, Grant, FL
321.723.8687

December 5, 2014 6:30 PM
The Quest for the Queen of Spain's Priceless Jewels
Presented by Robert Marx, Underwater Archeologist
Gleason Performing Arts Center, on the campus of FIT
150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL
321.674.6152

Ongoing
Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science
Enjoy the new exhibition "Eye on the Universe: The Hubble Telescope", along with permanent exhibits *The Windover People* and *By-Gone Beasts*.
2201 Michigan Avenue, Cocoa, FL
321.632.1830
Hours of Operation: Wed – Sat 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

FIELD TRIP TO CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE

Saturday, November 22 – 10:00 A.M.

- Reservations are required. Call 321.725.4115 to reserve; directions will be provided at that time.
- Guests will drive themselves to a rendezvous point. Due to security requirements, only 10 cars will be permitted to enter the Air Force Base/Site of the Lighthouse. Car pools will be established at the rendezvous point.
- All visitors must have a picture I.D.
- The tour will last approximately 2 hours. Wear comfortable shoes; the lighthouse will be accessible up to the fifth floor by stairway. A docent will meet visitors on the grounds and at each level.
- After the tour, a restaurant will be suggested for those who would like to meet for lunch.

We thank the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation for providing this opportunity to visit a special Brevard Historic Landmark. There is no charge for the Tour but donations will be welcome and appreciated.

Green Gables Open House

A Big Hit as Hundreds Visit the Historic Home



Diane Barile – Kitchen



Front Entrance/Stairway



Parlor



Southwest View of House



Dining Room



D. Barile & Wells Family Members

Photographs courtesy of Doug Carroll

** For further information on restoration efforts, visit www.greengables.org **

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.

We also wish to thank Y. (Rusty) Rutstein, SBHS member and owner of A Better Copy/Applied Graphics, located at 102 East New Haven Avenue, for providing discounted printing services for the newsletter.