

South Brevard Historical Society, Inc.

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October 2012

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR A PROGRAM: “SHARING THINGS”

Saturday, October 13th

3:00 P M

Melbourne Public Library

540 E. Fee Avenue Melbourne

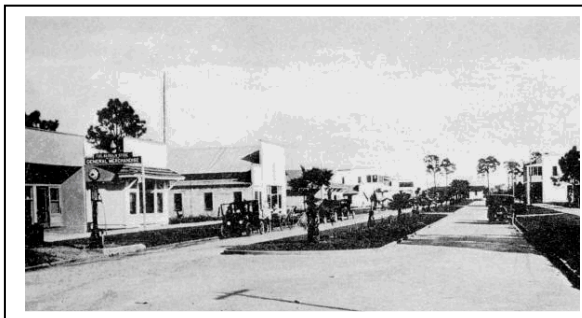
Members and friends of the SBHS, will share personal momentos and artifacts, several from the Nineteenth Century. Join us to hear the short - ten minute limit - stories behind their “special things”. In addition, Ed Vosatka, SBHS Collection Chairman, will present several items from our own inventory.

This promises to be a fun and surprising event. It’s a good opportunity to share our interests and our heritage. What’s in your closet????

FOR A FIELD TRIP TO FELLSMERE

Saturday, October 27th

Lunch on your own at the charming Marsh Landing Restaurant begins at noon followed by an orientation of the town by local historian Richard Votapka. Following his talk Richard will lead a walking tour featuring historic buildings and sites near the restaurant.



Fellsmere street scene ca 1920

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Dear Members and Friends

OCTOBER IS A REMARKABLY BUSY MONTH. I hesitated to present a newsletter so heavily laden with so many events but each is quite unique and worthy of attention.

Our own SBHS regular program features something a bit unusual with a variety of subjects and presenters. It should be lively and fascinating. And...it harkens back to the original Society founders who gathered together to share personal stories, experiences, and knowledge of local history. They also traveled around the U.S. and the world and shared what they learned. Being able to participate is what makes us a society. I hope that this meeting sets a precedent and that we'll make it an annual event.

Please take note of the October 24th Exhibit/Collection Committee meeting. It's another opportunity to participate. We've conducted a survey of South Brevard Library display cases and hope to use that venue for educational outreach. Imagine how many people we can reach by using the material of our collection to take Brevard's fascinating story into the community.

Please join us as we develop this challenging project with Chairman Ed Vosatka at the helm. We need assistance with coordinating committee members and projects, exhibit construction and ideas, installations, inventory and safe storage of artifacts and documents, photographing items and exhibits and preparing graphics.

I am sorry to report that Jill Berry has resigned as our Vice President. A new job keeps her busy most weekends, however she will continue to participate as a member of the new Collection Committee and as a member of the Nominating Committee. Thank you Jill for your participation and support.

Carol Andren, President, SBHS 725-4115

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

SBHS CALENDAR

Saturday, OCTOBER 13th 3 PM

Melbourne Public Library, Fee Avenue

Program: SHARING THINGS

Wednesday, OCTOBER 24th 10am

SBHS Exhibit/Collection Committee Meets

Marine Resources Council Lagoon House

3275 Dixie Hwy (US 1) on the Indian River

Lagoon, just south of the Honda dealership.

Saturday, OCTOBER 27th

Field Trip to Fellsmere

12 noon

We plan to be seated at Marsh Landing Restaurant and begin ordering. Lunch is own your own \$. To satisfy your taste of "old Florida", the restaurant features gator tail and catfish strips, frog legs, swamp cabbage soup, and fried green tomatoes.

Luncheon speaker, Richard Votapka will present a short program on Fellsmere's history. He's preparing a map of the town that can be used as a reference as we tour and later, for your own self-guided tour for later visits.

The walk will last about 1½ hours and will include stops in several of Fellsmere's historic buildings. If you are not able to participate in the walk, you may use the map and tour from your car.

If you would like to carpool, rendezvous at the south side of the Publix Shopping Center on Babcock Street in Melbourne by 11am. We'll try to accommodate as many people as possible.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP. We would like to give the restaurant an indication of how many people they will be serving.

RSVP to 725-4115

The restaurant is located in the beautifully restored Fellsmere Estates Building at 44 North Broadway Street in Fellsmere. The phone number is (772) 571-8622. If you are driving via I-95, take Exit 156, go west 3 miles on CR 512, turn right on Broadway.

Kellersberger Fund Publications

The following books published by the SBHS Kellersberger Fund are available for sale by the SBHS: *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 and *Pineapples are Never Black or White*, by Harry Goode, Sr.

*** Around Brevard ***

SOMETHING NEW !

Melbourne's Historic Preservation Board has announced the first program of its new *Quarterly Lecture Series* will be presented by Chairman, Thomas Funk.

"Notes from Underground" an introduction to archaeology with an emphasis on Florida and Melbourne area sites.

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Meeting starts at 5:30 p.m., lecture will begin after regular business concludes

Melbourne City Hall Council Chamber

900 E. Strawbridge Avenue

For more information you may contact Kelly Delmonico 321-608-7511

FOR THEATER LOVERS

The historic Cocoa Village Playhouse will present **"An Afternoon with Abraham Lincoln"**. A dramatic first person presentation reflecting on moments and historical events of his life starring Tad Allen.

Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse

Sunday, October 29th at 2 pm

300 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa FL 32922

Tickets: \$36 Adults, \$24 Students/Seniors, \$18 Children (12 years and younger)

For additional information: (321)636-5050 or go to: cocoavillageplayhouse.com

FPAN OCTOBER EVENTS

Fall Lecture Series

The Florida Public Archaeology Network and the Florida Historical Series present:

"Birth, Life & Death: Infancy and Childhood in Roman Egypt"

Dr. Sandra Wheeler, University of Central Florida

October 19th, 7 pm

FHS Library 435 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa

Join Dr. Wheeler as she explores ancient birthing practices, infant and childhood mortality, and the fascinating mortuary practices of Egypt's Roman period. She'll highlight her recent fieldwork at Dakhleh Oasis, located in Egypt's Western Desert, and how human remains and the contexts from which they came are illuminating life among its youngest and most vulnerable members.

Free to the Public

For more information :Kevin Gidusko: 321-690-1971 ex.223

SPECIAL INTEREST WORKSHOP

CEMETERY RESOURCE PROTECTION TRAINING (CRPT)

Preserving historic cemeteries and human burial sites.

Tuesday, October 16th 9am - 4pm

Oakland Nature Preserve, Oakland Florida

Registration costs \$15. First come, first served, with a cap of 20 participants.

To Register: contact kevin.gidusko@myfloridahistory.org or 321-690-1971, ext. 223

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