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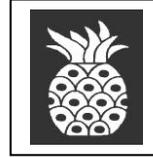
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Celebating 50 Years

Saturday, April 9, 2016

3:00 PM

Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

Brevard County Historical Sites

The First Comprehensive Census

Presented by Bob Gross



The South Brevard Historical Society is pleased to welcome back one of its founding members, Bob Gross, for the April program. Mr. Gross will outline his efforts coordinating with the Indian River Anthropological Society, the Brevard County Historical Commission and the State of Florida to perform a census of more than 3500 registered historical sites listed on the Florida Master Site File. Included in this comprehensive census are archaeological sites, historical structures, bridges and cemeteries. Mr. Gross hopes attendees will be encouraged to participate in the project after hearing his presentation.

Bob Gross became "hooked" on Brevard County history at age 9 when his neighbor, Mrs. Frances Arnold Shave, told him she was born in a log cabin on an Indian Mound in Malabar. He attended the first county-wide historical meeting at the age of 14, and was a charter officer of the South Brevard Historical Society. He graduated from the University of Florida with an undergraduate degree in Anthropology, is a member of the Indian River Anthropological Society and a life member of both the Florida Anthropological Society and the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

I would like to say "Happy 50th Anniversary" to all South Brevard Historical Society (SBHS) members, current and past, as it was on April 28, 1966 that the Society was formed in a meeting at the Palm Bay Civic Center. Since then, SBHS has brought together people interested in the history of Florida and Brevard County. While SBHS works at the local level, the people employed at the Florida's Division of Historical Resources (<http://dos.dos.state.fl.us/historical/>) work hard to be faithful to their mission statement: "To inspire a love of history through preservation and education".

The education element can only happen if folks from government, commercial entities and members of organizations like you support efforts to protect and preserve Florida's historical and archaeological sites along with the stories behind them. One State of Florida program is the *Florida Historical Markers*. Brevard has 46 of these blue Markers identifying significant historic resources, persons and events. One, located at the entrance of the Canaveral Port Authority (445 Challenger Road, Cape Canaveral), marks "The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War".

April's program will detail the current comprehensive census of local archaeological sites, historical structures, bridges and cemeteries. It is a coordinated effort of the Indian River Anthropological Society, the Brevard County Historical Commission and the State of Florida. After hearing this presentation, we hope you will consider participating in this project.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Don Jennings, President 2016 – 2017
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UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

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May 14, 2016 3:00 PM
Introduction to Field Manor, Merritt Island
Jane Templeton, President
Jane McCallum, Executive Director
A history of the Field Family Homestead will be presented. Built in the 1880's, the beautifully restored home is now a living history museum.

May 21, 2016 TBD
Tour of the Field Manor and Citrus Groves
Details will be available in the next newsletter

*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*



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AROUND BREVARD

Wednesday, April 13 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
The Genealogical Society of South Brevard
Meets second Wednesday of the month, Sept - June
Monthly topics have included DNA research, Records Preservation and Writing Your Family History.
Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne
For more information visit www.gssb.net

Saturday, April 16 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Civil War Day
Historic Rossetter House and Gardens
1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne
For more information visit www.rossetterhousemuseum.org
Or call 321.254.9855

Saturday, May 7 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Mother's Day Tea
Historic Rossetter House and Gardens
1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne
For more information visit www.rossetterhousemuseum.org
Or call 321.254.9855
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Remembering When

Memories of a Different Time
Doug Carroll - SBHS Member

My family moved to Melbourne in 1950. Our first home was on Prospect Avenue, directly across from Guerin and Dare Lumber. A steam locomotive would stop on our street and dump hot coal in a shallow ditch. My mother was hired to douse the coals with a garden hose!!

In 1956 my parents were in the market to buy their first house and saw an ad for new homes in the Tradewinds sub-division. We went to look at the model home, but couldn't come to an agreement on price. As we were driving away, the salesman came running out of the house and flagged us down. My parents ended up buying that model home after all and lived there the rest of their lives.

On weekends we often went for a drive. One of my favorite places was South Tropical Trail, where saw grass lined both sides of the street in many places. Residents would put out mangoes and other fruit, along with a bowl where you could leave your payment. I also enjoyed our drives over the Eau Gallie Causeway Bridge. It was so narrow you thought the cars would scrape the paint right off of each other. But the most harrowing of all was the noise from the planks, sounding as if they were popping up on the ends. It was like being on a circus ride!!

In the 1950's the Boy Scouts planted Australian Pines on both sides of the Melbourne Causeway. During the summer we would stop at the Ice Plant on U.S. 1, pick up a block of ice and go park between the pines, have a picnic and fish. You could wade out into the river and swim, as there were no boulders along the shore back then. Growing up in Melbourne was great fun for a young boy.

Note: From time to time we feature a member's story about "days past". If you have a memory you would like to share, please email us at: newsletter@southbrevardhistory.org

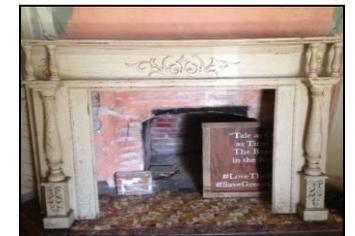
*The SBHS thanks AAA Malabar Mini-Storage, located across the street from the Malabar Town Hall, for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society's collections and archives.
We also wish to thank Y. (Rusty) Rutstein, SBHS member and owner of A Better Copy/Applied Graphics, located at 102 East New Haven Avenue, for providing discounted printing services for the newsletter.*

Thank you Kathi Harbaugh & Ed Vosatka

For the wonderful job you both did on your historical window displays, showcased during the month of March at several of our local libraries.
Photographs available on our website: www.southbrevardhistory.org

Green Gables Update

Both the Greeting Room and the Living Room mantles have been returned to Green Gables. Family member Charles McClung brought them all the way from Georgia where they had been lovingly stored in case efforts to save the home failed. The Green Gables organization appreciates the family's support. Volunteers will be carefully installing the mantles as quickly as possible.



Living Room Mantle



Mantles Arrive from Georgia

We would also like to thank Slug A Bug for their in-kind fumigation and tenting of Green Gables. We are happy to report the house is now free of termites and other critters!!