

SOUTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 P. O. Box 1064
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**SBHS MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION & RENEWAL**

___New ___Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Please email my newsletter: Yes ___ No ___

Email: _____

Membership Levels:

Individual	20.00
Family/Library	25.00
Senior (age 65)	10.00
Student	10.00
Business	50.00
Lifetime	250.00
Donation	_____

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December 2015

Saturday, December 12, 2015 – 3:00 PM
Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

Historic Show and Tell
Sharing Life's Little Treasures

*Presented by Members and Friends
 of the South Brevard Historical Society*



'Tis the season.....for sharing. Please join us as members and friends of the South Brevard Historical Society share historic mementos and artifacts at our next meeting.

Presenters this year will include the owner of *Hell'n Blazes Brewing Company*, one of the newest establishments in downtown Melbourne. He will talk about some of the fascinating artifacts uncovered during the renovation of the former Christmas Cottage building. Patrisha Meyers, Director of the *Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science* will discuss recent changes to the museum including the improved and expanded *People of Windover* exhibit. Chuck Baird will also be on hand to bring us up-to-date with what is new at the Old Melbourne Beach Town Hall. The SBHS Traveling Trunk, to be used in 4th grade classrooms throughout Brevard County, has just been completed and will make its debut. This project has been a year in the making and we look forward to sharing it with you. We also hope to bring you a few last minute surprises!!

Historic Show and Tell has become an annual event enjoyed by all. Please join us for an afternoon of exploring life's little treasures.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER!!

2016 SBHS Annual Membership Renewals are now due.
Please complete the form on the back of this newsletter and mail to the address listed,
or bring to the next monthly meeting with your payment.
If you have joined SBHS since September 2015 your membership is current through December, 2016.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

Looking back on 2015, I believe the South Brevard Historical Society has succeeded in “keeping South Brevard’s history alive”. In 2016 the Board of Directors will work to increase ways for members and the community to learn about South Brevard’s history through the Traveling Trunk program. We also look forward to digitizing items from the SBHS collection and placing the data online.

As part of last month’s bus tour we visited Gilbert’s Bar House of Refuge and heard about a time in Florida’s past when the beaches were so remote sailors shipwrecked offshore surely would have died from exposure without these lifesaving “houses”. Looking down Melbourne’s beaches today it is hard to imagine such desolation ever existed. This illustrates the SBHS mission well; providing programs and trips that present the rich history of South Brevard specifically, and Florida generally, to the people who stop and take the time to look.



Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge, Hutchinson Island

There are still a few spots remaining in our December *Annual Show and Tell* presentation. Any member or friend who would like to share a historic artifact and/or memento with our group may do so, but I ask that you please contact me before the meeting so that I may add you to the agenda.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Don Jennings
South Brevard Historical Society President, 2015
donaldjennings.fl45@gmail.com

UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

Saturday - January 9, 2016 3:00 PM
Your Local History Resources:
How to Find, Use & Contribute to Brevard and Florida History with Resources on the Internet and in the Library
Presented by Karen Raley
Local Historian and Author


Saturday – February 6, 2016 Afternoon
Historic Eau Gallie Home Tour
Details to follow in the January newsletter

Saturday - February 13, 2016 3:00 PM
Program to be announced

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

December 1-31, 2015

Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus 
See Christmas through the eyes of children in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s as they write letters to Santa. Their dreams, joys and tears are captured in this exhibit of vintage toys, cartoons and letters to Santa published in local Florida newspapers of the era.

Fee Avenue Melbourne Public Library
540 Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida
321.952.4514

January 1, 2016 10:00 AM

Annual New Year’s Day Walking Tour of Old Melbourne Beach with Frank Thomas, Town Historian

Tour begins at the Ocean Avenue Pier, and will end at Melbourne Beach Community Center.

Final 2016 Nomination Committee Report to SBHS

November 15, 2015

*** Nominees ***

Officers 2016-2017
One Year Term

President Don Jennings
Vice President Patricia Fabian
Secretary Nancy Grout

Finishing the Second Year of a Two Year Term

Treasurer Wiley Elliott

Directors 2016-2018
Two Year Term

Carol Andren
L. Sue Bailey
Keith Flotte
Kathryn Harbaugh
Stephanie Moody
Ed Vosatka

Continuing 2016-2017

Barbara Arthur
Diane Barile
Dory Frederickson
Hugh Nicolay

Thank you to the Nominating Committee:

Wiley Elliott, Jenifer Marx and Beth Glover

SBHS 2016 Proposed Budget

INCOME	
Membership Dues	1,000.00
Donations	
Storage (In-kind)	1,980.00
Other	100.00
Grants (Traveling Trunk)	
NSDAR	500.00
Philip Perry Chapter NSDAR	500.00
Fundraising	
Home Tour	3,500.00
Website (Sponsorship)	143.00
Event/Activity	-0-
Other	-0-
Kellersberger Fund	30.00
From Reserves	2,980.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,733.00
EXPENDITURES	
Annual Recognition	\$ 50.00
Archives & Collection	
Storage	3,960.00
Supplies/Digitizing	700.00
Exhibits (Trunks)	1,122.00
Dues/Fees	
Melbourne Regional Chamber	205.00
Brevard Cultural Alliance	75.00
Florida Corporation Filing	70.00
Florida Permit to Solicit	10.00
Fundraising	
Home Tour/Planning	1,000.00
50 th Anniversary Event	1,000.00
General Administration	
Post Office Box	78.00
Postage & Supplies	50.00
Bank Charges	-0-
Other	50.00
Hospitality	50.00
Kellersberger Fund	
Florida Sales Tax	20.00
Membership	
Miscellaneous Expenses	25.00
Special Event	100.00
Programs	100.00
Public Relations/Communication	
Website	143.00
Newsletter Printing/Postage	1,500.00
Supplies	300.00
Publicity/Promotion	
Brochure	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	25.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,733.00

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, located at 102 East New Haven Avenue, for providing discounted printing services for the newsletter.