

SOUTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 1064
Melbourne, FL 32902-1064

S.B.H.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

___New ___Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

(Please include your email address.)

This is a gift membership from :

Membership Levels:

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

Please make checks payable to South Brevard Historical Society and mail to P.O. Box 1064, Melbourne, FL 32902-1064.

The South Brevard Historical Society, Inc., is a non-profit corporation and an IRS 501 (C) 3 organization. All contributions are tax-deductible by limits of law. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Florida Division of Consumer Services by calling 1-800-HELP FLA.



South Brevard Historical Society, Inc.

Founded 1966

P.O. Box 1064, Melbourne, Florida, 32902-1064

www.southbrevardhistory.org

February 2013

PLEASE JOIN US

For a Presentation

Saturday, February 9th - 3:00 P M

Melbourne Public Library

540 E. Fee Avenue

Melbourne



Spanish Exploration and Colonization of Florida

by Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, Executive Director

The Florida Historical Society

Dr. Brotemarkle, an Associate Professor of Humanities and Department Chair at Brevard Community College in Titusville holds many accolades including award-winning author and host of “Florida Frontiers: the Weekly Radio Magazine of the Florida Historical Society” on local public radio stations.

Dr. Brotemarkle’s tenure at the Florida Historical Society follows the trajectory of his involvement as a member and eventual role as Executive Director. His presentation will bring us up to date as we celebrate the **VIVA Florida 500** state-wide recognition of the naming of Florida by Juan Ponce de Leon. The discussion continues our November program by Alan Brech on the Ais, the native people who lived in the area of the Indian River Lagoon at the time of Spanish exploration and colonization.

Join us as we learn more about Florida’s rich history. This program complements the **A Florida Remembered** series at the Franklin DeGroot Library in Palm Bay.

Dear Members and Friends,

First, I offer my apology to any member who didn't receive the January Newsletter via either E or Snail mail. Please be assured that any omissions weren't intended.

Second, with this issue we have a new Newsletter Editor. Yeah!!!! I am so delighted that **Patty Fabian** has agreed to serve on the Board and as editor. She'll be assisted by the new SBHS Secretary, **Nan Roberts**.

Third, **Sandy Wilson**, our new Vice President, will also serve as Program Chairman. Sandy has become known for his program on the Japanese Colony in Eau Gallie. The program resulted from a personal link he has to one of the families. There's a link to *YouTube* on our website for a three part presentation of that program. Sandy has even received a favorable global response to his work.

Fourth and final point, I found a perfect headquarters for us: historic building, appropriate square footage, easily accessible with good parking. Perfect except for the location.....in Chiefland and oh yes! It's already in use and partly as a museum.

Carl and I made a trip to the Gulf Coast last week to visit a grandson. We decided to visit the Chamber of Commerce for information about the area and things we might like to do while visiting. The CofC is located in an old railroad station and when we entered we were met with a history exhibit.....pictures, artifacts and memorabilia nicely arranged. It wasn't hard to envision an arrangement of our own "collection" items

I had a nice chat with the Chamber receptionist and learned that Chiefland will celebrate its Centennial anniversary April 5th and 6th. Planned events include "Hog and Turkey Calling", "Historic Picture Displays", and "Historian Interviews". Florida's only quilt museum is located near Chiefland in Levy County and they are looking for a musket to display for the event. I didn't get all the details on that request but Carl and I just may head for Chiefland on April 5th. We'll take pictures!

Carol Andren, President, SBHS 321.725.4115

UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

March 9, 2013 - 3 PM

Melbourne, Then and Now

Presented by Karen Raley

A historical perspective of our community.

All programs at the Fee Avenue Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida

.....
AROUND BREVARD

Sunday, Feb. 3 2:00 PM

"Lost Tribes of Florida",

A Florida Remembered series

Franklin DeGroot Library, Palm Bay

321.952.6317

Friday, Feb. 8 7:00 PM

"A Woman's Richest Ornament: Hairstyles & Hair Products in Roman Egypt", Dr. Lana

Williams, University of Central Florida

Florida Public Archaeology Network – FPAN

Florida Historical Society Headquarters

435 Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Village.

For information call: 321.690.1971

Saturday, Feb. 16 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

2nd Annual Eau Gallie Founders Day Fish Fry

Celebrates the historical roots of the Town of Eau Gallie (1887-1969). Food, live bands, history tent, vintage vehicles & more.

Eau Gallie Square – Highland & Eau Gallie Blvd.

Saturday, Feb. 16 2:00 PM

"Calling Yankees to Florida: Harriet Beecher Stowe's Forgotten Tourist Articles"

Florida Historical Society Headquarters

435 Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Village.

For information call 321.691.1971 ext 211 or

contact ben.debiase@myfloridahistory.org

FRIENDS OF THE MELBOURNE LIBRARY PROJECT

A small group of SBHS members started to help the Friends of the Melbourne Library with their scrapbook collection. The collection consists of decades of newspaper clippings and photographs of library activities. Many of the glossy photographs are of unidentified people and places that the *ad hoc* SBHS committee will try to identify. The collection, though currently not open for public research, offers some great potential for "ab ha" moments when identification/recognition occurs. If intrigued, please contact Ed Vosatka at diane_ed@bellsouth.net

FEBRUARY: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Attending the **Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts & Humanities (www.zorafestival.org)** in Eatonville would be a great way to celebrate Black History Month. The annual festival honors the popular Harlem Renaissance author Zora Neale Hurston and takes place in her hometown of Eatonville, the oldest black township in the United States. In addition to being a folklorist and anthropologist, Hurston is considered one of the pre-eminent writers of twentieth-century African American literature.

Ms. Hurston once lived in Brevard County and wrote "Somehow this one spot on earth feels like home for me". This one spot was a cottage in Eau Gallie at Guava Ave. and Fifth St. (now Aurora Rd) where she lived in 1929 and again in 1951. She loved the quiet life on the river and was drawn to the area repeatedly living also in Cocoa Beach and Merritt Island.

The festival runs Jan. 26 – Feb. 3. For further information call 407.647.3307

2013 SBHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Membership renewals were due in January. If your dues have not been received to date, a red dot has been placed on the mailing label of your newsletter. Please send in your renewal form with a check to remain current with your membership.

Please contact Kathi Harbaugh at 321.254.8511 for questions.

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.