

SOUTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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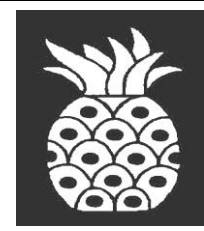
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### **Membership Levels:**

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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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

## TOUR OF HISTORIC EAU GALLIE HOMES



*The Historic William E. Horne House*

Original Art by Robbie Hammock

The Tour Will Include:

***Old Eau Gallie Yacht Club - Historic William E. Horne House - Rossetter House and Gardens  
St. John's Episcopal Church - Houston Family Cemetery***

### **Pre-Tour Tickets - \$13.00**

Available Feb. 1, 2014 at:

*Eau Gallie Florist - Meehan's Office Products  
Betty's Antiques - The Florida Historical Society  
The Roesch House (Rossetter House)*

### **Day of Tour Tickets - \$15.00**

Purchase at:

*The Roesch House (Rossetter House)  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Old Eau Gallie Yacht Club*

## DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

When Husband Carl retired in 2005 he and I decided that spending a few days away over the New Year's Eve holiday would be a fun tradition.

New Year's Eve 2005 found us in Yankeetown, Florida staying at the Izaak Walton Lodge. The lodge was built in 1924 as a private fishing club for the owner and his rich northern friends. The Lodge partially burned but was restored and turned into a restaurant with a few rental cabins only 10 feet from the Withlacoochie River. The Lodge food was excellent, the weather cool, the fireworks, far enough away not to be annoying, and the anticipation of meeting up with a gator added zest to the memory of that night.

For New Year's Eve 2006 we traveled to Savannah. We dined along the riverfront, took a free ferry ride to Hutchinson Island, walked around the old waterfront. The air was crisp, the stars and Christmas lights glittered. We slept well ...far away from the fireworks but we did hear a few very happy partygoers around 2am.

In December 2007 the promise of a granddaughter's possible visit around New Year's Day put our planning on hold. The next year, 2008, we forgot to make plans. Somewhere along the way we found out about the Free Melbourne Beach Annual New Year's Day Walking Tour. And...somewhere along the way we began meeting up with neighbors and visitors, in Melbourne Beach, on the First Day of the New Year, at 10am, to revisit the history of Melbourne Beach, led around town by the intrepid Historian, Frank Thomas. This year as I followed behind Frank I realized that we have something so special right here at home that I really don't want to leave over the holiday any more. Being part of this precious local tradition is even more satisfying than the lure of far-flung Florida places. Thank you, Frank Thomas.

**Carol Andren, SBHS President 321.725.4115**

## UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

**March 8, 2014 3:00 PM**  
*Legend of the Dragon*  
**Michael Boonstra, Genealogist, Central Brevard Library**  
Hear the story of "Annie", the beloved dragon at the southern tip of Merritt Island.

**April 12, 2014 3:00 PM**  
*Visualizing the Unseen: New Approaches in Archaeology*  
**Kevin Gidusko, Outreach Coordinator - Florida Public Archaeology Network**  
Learn how advances in technology have revolutionized the way archaeologists now collect data.

*Programs held at Fee Avenue Melbourne Public Library  
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida*



## AROUND BREVARD

**Feb. 8, 2014**  
*Pioneer Day – Two Locations*  
**Sam's House at Pine Island 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
6195 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL  
321.449.4720  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM**  
5555 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL  
321.452.5260  
Living history demonstrations; artifact & historic clothing displays; historical house & chapel tour....and more!!!

**A Florida Remembered Series**  
**At Franklin DeGroodt Memorial Library**  
6475 Minton Road SW, Palm Bay  
321.952.6318/www.brev.org

**Feb. 9, 2014 2:00 PM**  
*Important Moments in Suffragist Movement in Florida*

**Feb. 16, 2014 2:00 PM**  
*America's Presidents and the Presence in Florida*

**Feb. 23, 2014 2:00 PM**  
*Having Fun, Wish You Were Here – history of the postcard in Florida*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 15, 2014

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM SBHS Tour of Eau Gallie Historic Homes**  
The addresses of homes on the tour will be listed on your ticket.  
For additional information please call Carol Andren at 321.725.4115.

**12:00 PM – 5:00 PM Annual Eau Gallie Founder's Day and Fish Fry**  
Among the day's activities - fried fish dinners prepared by Squid Lips, artists, street vendors, and music all day in the band stand.

Be sure to visit the History Tent!! SBHS and the Florida Historical Society will be there with plenty of interesting information.



For book lovers, Karen Raley, co-author of *Images of America: Melbourne and Eau Gallie* and Ed Vosatka, author of *Images of America: Melbourne's Logging Era* will be on hand at the SBHS booth. "Mosquito Soup", a collection of Weona Cleveland's articles on Brevard, will be available for purchase in the History Tent.

*"A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of."*

*Nelson Mandela,  
July 18, 1918 – December 5, 2013*

## SOUTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY A BRIEF HISTORY

The first meeting of the South Brevard Historical Society (SBHS) was held at the Palm Bay Civic Center on April 28, 1966. The group brought together citizens particularly interested in the history of Florida and South Brevard County. In addition, through a generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Kellersberger, the Kellersberger Fund was established to publish materials relating to Florida's history.

The Society holds free monthly program meetings from September through June at the Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. The SBHS provides educational outreach through exhibits at public events, their website, and most recently, tours of local homes of historic significance. The Kellersberger Fund, in collaboration with the Florida Historical Society, recently funded publication of "Mosquito Soup", a collection of interviews and special feature articles about Brevard and neighboring pioneer communities by Brevard Historian, Weona Cleveland.

For more information on the organization, or to find out about upcoming SBHS programs, please check the website at [www.southbrevardhistory.com](http://www.southbrevardhistory.com). You can also find us on Facebook.

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