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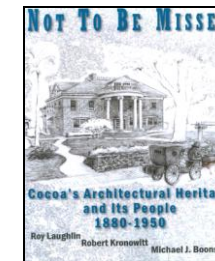
3:00 PM

Melbourne Public Library

540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

The Architectural Heritage of COCOA

Presented by Michael J. Boonstra



As a longtime preservation advocate, Michael J. Boonstra has spent years collecting information and researching historic structures in the central part of Brevard County. Most recently he has collaborated with Roy Laughlin and Bob Kronowitt on a new book entitled *Not To Be Missed, Cocoa's Architectural Heritage and Its People 1880-1950*. His presentation will focus on the importance of our architectural history. Mr. Boonstra will also discuss the evolution of architecture in Cocoa and provide a sneak peek of the book. Co-author, Roy Laughlin, will also be in attendance and have the book available for sale.

Mr. Boonstra serves as the genealogy librarian for the Brevard County library system, and as the archivist for the Brevard County Historical Commission headquartered at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. He has been involved in historical preservation through his personal restoration of several historic buildings in the county for himself and for others. He has also been involved with organizations such as the Florida Trust and the Brevard Heritage Council, on which he served as President.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

Kudos to the Melbourne Historic Preservation Board and the City of Melbourne for reaching out to the community to spread the word about the city's *HISTORIC DESIGNATION PROCESS*. Planner and Liaison to the Board, Kelly Delmonico, did an outstanding job presenting the information.

To qualify for historic designation a building or site must be at least 50 years old, have historic, architectural or other significance to the community plus meet several other criteria. If approved, the property is placed on the Melbourne Register of Historic Places. Restoration or rehabilitation of the exterior of a building must meet federal standards. You can pick up a "Guide" at our meeting or at Melbourne City Hall.

Creation of the ordinance was a response to public outrage over the razing of Miguel's Mexican Restaurant, a much loved landmark of South Brevard's past. Patrons had enjoyed the beautiful interior, the food and the special ambiance created when diners were serenaded by live musicians. It had been built in 1926 as a residence for "Doc" Sloan, a citrus grove owner and 1920's bootlegger.

The Melbourne City Council could have done nothing and hoped that the issue would go away. Instead, with the assistance of concerned citizens, an ordinance that serves as a tool to preserve homes and businesses of historic significance for the community was created.

One property designated historic under the ordinance is the (original) Eau Galle Yacht Club. It was featured on our February Home Tour. Another designated property is the home of Diane Barile, member of the SBHS and the Historic Preservation Boards.

We look forward to more on the success side of historic preservation with our June program by Michael Boonstra. One of Michael's many facets is restoring homes, so he brings a working knowledge of the "blood, sweat and tears" of restoration, completing a project and calling it home. Please join us for Michael's presentation.

Carol Andren, SBHS President
321.725.4115

UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

July and August – Summer Break

Sept. 13, 2014

3:00 PM

Searching Sand and Surf: The Origins of Archaeology in Florida

Dr. Rachel K. Wentz, RPA

Director, Florida Historical Society Archaeological Institute

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



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

April 12 – September 1, 2014

Dugout Canoes: Paddling Through the Americas

Elliot Museum

825 Northeast Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida

For further information call 772.225.1961, Ext. 124

June 7, 2014

Birds of the Indian River Lagoon

Sams House at Pine Island

6195 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, Florida

For details: 321.449.4736

June 13-14, 2014

4th Annual Titusville Sea Turtle Festival

Downtown Titusville & Canaveral National Seashore

For details: www.titusvilleseaturtlefest.com

PLACES TO VISIT

Sams House at Pine Island

Cabin and House Tour – Every Thur. & Sat. 3:00-3:30 PM

6195 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, Florida

321.449.4736

Center Hours – Thursday-Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Trail Hours May-September, 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum

New Location, with added artifacts & memorabilia

308 Pine Street, Titusville, Florida

321.264.0434

Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science

The South Indian Field Dig Exhibit

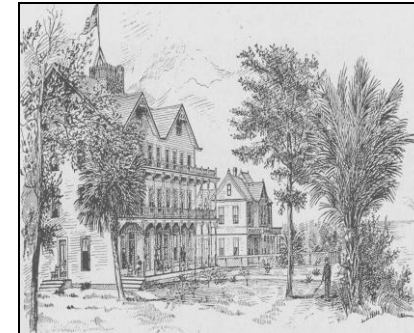
This archaeological dig, just a few miles west of Malabar yielded a variety of historic materials.

2201 Michigan Avenue, Cocoa, Florida

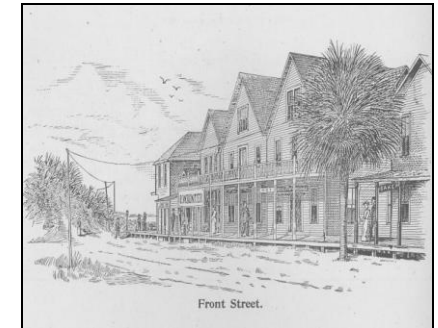
321.632.1830/www.BrevardMuseum.com

MELBOURNE SKETCHES: 1895 A SOUVENIR OF MELBOURNE ON THE INDIAN RIVER BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

DRAWN BY LOUIS J. HOLE



Carleton Hotel



Front Street

*The following is excerpted from Volume Number 6 in the Local History Series of
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"The first resident pastor was Rev. Louis J. Hole who came here with his wife in 1893 from Ohio. He stayed two years." In those two brief sentences the "1971 Pictorial History of First United Methodist Church of Melbourne" gives the known facts about the man who produced these delightful sketches. Some old-timers say the Rev. Hole, like many others of his day, came to Florida to be cured of consumption. Whatever his reason, he has left a heritage of historically accurate views of Melbourne only fourteen years after its founding in 1880.

A copy of this "Sketchbook" was brought to the attention of the South Brevard Historical Society in the 1960's by Georgiana Kjerulff while she was doing research for her book, "Tales of Old Brevard". The library of an old house on the Melbourne Bluff had the little book stuck among turn-of-the-century school books. Through Mrs. Kjerulff's efforts, this copy has been preserved in the South Brevard Historical Society Museum.

Several years later, the owners of Huggins Hardware Store found a few copies in the back of an old safe that had been in the store when they purchased it as "Stewart Hardware" from the Stewart family. Perhaps a half-dozen copies of the book are in the hands of long-time resident families.

Reprinting of "Melbourne Sketches" has been selected as a Bicentennial Project of the Kellersberger Fund of the South Brevard Historical Society. This booklet is done in sepia tones on beige paper to match the original in color and texture as closely as possible.

Our thanks to Mrs. Arthur Stewart, Sr., for identification of scenes shown in the sketches, and to Fraser Campbell and Harry Goode, Sr. for clarification of some historical data.

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY IN PENSACOLA BAY

Researchers from the University of West Florida are slowly uncovering the remains of a 16th century shipwreck of a Spanish galleon in the shallow, murky waters near Pensacola.

To watch a four minute video, Google "Underwater Archaeology in Pensacola Bay".

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) Rustein, 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.