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South Brevard Historical Society, Inc.

March 2015

Saturday, March 14, 2015

3:00 PM
Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

The Civil War on the Indian River

Presented by Bob Gross

US Sloop Wanderer
Ordered to investigate the Indian River, July 1862

As the 150th anniversary of the conclusion to the American Civil War approaches, we welcome local historian Bob Gross to talk about the impact the Civil War had on the central east coast of Florida. His presentation will focus on the Indian River in particular. He will discuss what life was like in Brevard County leading up to the war, and in the years immediately following.

Bob Gross has been studying Brevard County history for over 55 years. His passion for history sparked by an elderly neighbor telling young Bob tales of her birth in a log cabin on a local Indian mound, in an area still inhabited by Indians.

Bob was a charter officer in the founding of the South Brevard Historical Society. He has an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from the University of Florida, is a member of the Indian River Anthropological Society, and a life member of both the Florida Anthropological Society and the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

April 11, 2015   **3:00 P.M.**
German War Prisoners in America
Presented by Gene Davis

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

March is Archaeology Month
The Florida Historical Society
Archaeological Institute
Presents:

Sunday, March 8, 2015   **1:00 – 4:00 PM**
Archaeology Day – Free outdoor activities

Friday, March 20, 2015   **7:00 PM**
"Everything You Know is Wrong! Community Archaeology at Fort Shackelford" – Annette Snapp

Wednesday, March 25   **8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
An Archaeologist Tour of St. Augustine
All inclusive bus tour of the Oldest City - $75 per person

First two events to be held at:
The Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science
2201 Michigan Avenue, Cocoa, FL
Call 321.632.1830 for further information on all of the above events.

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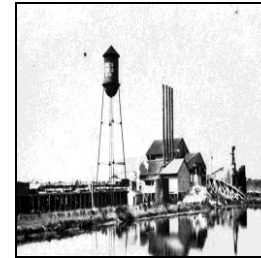**Thursday, March 19, 2015**   **2:00 PM**
Tin Can Tourists - Presented by Nick Wynne
If you missed the SBHS program now is your chance to hear this wonderfully interesting presentation.
South Mainland Library
7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, FL
772.664.5801 for further information

Month of March
Ed Vosatka's exhibit - Melbourne's Logging Era
Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

MELBOURNE'S LOGGING ERA: 1912 – 1932

Union Cypress Company Sawmill   *Giant cypress felled in 1917*

Melbourne's Industrial Revolution is the subject of an educational exhibit at the Melbourne Library throughout the month of March. Using models, maps, vintage photographs and artifacts, historian Ed Vosatka shows the era of sawmills, iron horses and steam logging which transformed Melbourne from a quiet, rural village on Crane Creek into an industrial city.

The Union Cypress Company built a large cypress/pine sawmill and the company-owned town of Hopkins on the south side of Crane Creek in 1912. They were Melbourne's first big industry, bringing employment, growth, development and the first electrical power to the city.

Their railway to Deer Park in Osceola County not only served the mill, but opened up the vast prairie lands along the St. Johns River for settlement and carried much of the regional commerce. It was the first direct route across the St. Johns River marshes in the 80 miles south of Enterprise on Lake Monroe, preceding the Kissimmee Highway (U.S. 192) by six years.

Ed Vosatka's book *Melbourne's Logging Era: 1912-1932* was published by Arcadia Publishing in 2012.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT SHOW

The Indian River Historical Society will host the Teddy Roosevelt Show at Sebastian River High School Friday, March 13 at 7:00 PM

Ticket Prices: Show Only $10
Dinner & Show - $35
The dinner menu will consist of Teddy's favorite foods.

For tickets call Janice Sellers at 772.778.3435

OLD MELBOURNE HIGH UPDATE

Support is rapidly growing for the re-use of the Old Melbourne High School as a cultural center. The property's current governing organization (BRAG) proposes to sell the property to a developer with plans to build an apartment building. The Henegar Center school and the high school building were once home to the SBHS and other community organizations.

For more information or to support efforts to save Old Mel Hi go to:
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