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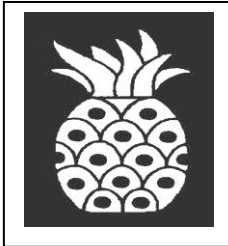
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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

3:00 PM

Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

An Introduction to Archaeology

Presented by Thomas Funk

Please join us as we celebrate Florida Archaeology Month. Our guest speaker will be well-known, local archaeologist Thomas Funk. Mr. Funk will present an introduction to archaeology, with special attention to sites located in Florida and the Melbourne area. He will share his experiences diving for sunken treasures and discuss the 1715 Spanish Silver Plate Fleet. The fleet of 11 galleons set sail from Havana in 1715 laden with jewels, gold and silver, but ran into a hurricane along Florida's east coast. Ten of the eleven ships were lost. Mr. Funk's underwater archeological explorations include these shipwreck sites along the mid-coast area of Florida.

Thomas Funk has a Master's Degree in Anthropology and Archaeology from the University of Virginia and brings a wealth of experience to the topic of this month's presentation. He has been an adjunct professor at several major universities including Duke, North Carolina State and University of Central Florida, as well as a high school world history teacher for 25 years. Mr. Funk is also the former state Archaeologist for the state of North Carolina.

This will be a fascinating presentation for Brevardians.....who always have an eye out for treasure along our sandy coast!!

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

2014 SBHS Annual Membership Renewals were due in January. If you have not done so already, please renew today. Dues help keep our organization active and these newsletters coming!!

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

Can anything be greater than the sum of its parts? The SBHS Home Tour of Saturday, February 15th was just that! After a brief morning shower, the weather turned out to be exquisite....just right for a stroll under aged, Spanish moss-laden oak trees that line the streets of the Eau Gallie Historic District.

Historic home tours provide more than a peek into an interesting house; they offer a glimpse into the personalities, culture, community events, both social and political, that shaped the community we are today. Home tours offer proof that the wonderful design and construction of the past can lend itself to contemporary lifestyles.

We did raise money - we expect to clear at least \$3,000 to be put toward our projects and activities. Plus, \$4 from each ticket will go to the Florida Historical Society. We received generous support from the community in ticket sales, financial assistance and in-kind services. Thank you to all who participated and contributed.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town.....an estimated 1,500 people visited the Founder's Day Celebration. Thank you to the dynamic team of Diane Barile, Kathi Harbaugh, Karen Raley, Sandy Wilson, and Ed Vosatka who represented the SBHS at the History Tent. Also in the tent were SBHS member Chuck Baird with his special Eau Gallie display, the Florida Historical Society and their Zora Neale Hurston exhibit, plus the Brevard Heritage Council with information on historic preservation. Thanks to History Tent organizer Gene Davis who included both displays and history lectures as part of the celebration and to Carl Andren, our 'go to' engineer, for helping with all aspects of the tent set up as well as the home tour. Hope you were there!

Carol Andren, SBHS President 321.725.4115

UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

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.

May 10, 2014 3:00 PM
To be announced

June 14, 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.

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

AROUND BREVARD

Saturday, March 15, 2014 2:00 PM
Celebrate Florida Women's History Month
Historic 1891 Pritchard House
 424 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL
 321.267.4480
 Tea and Women's Vintage Clothing Exhibit house tour
 Reservations and pre-payment required.

Thursday, March 27, 2014 7:00 – 8:00 PM
House of Refuge Lecture
 301 SE MacArthur Blvd., Stuart, FL
 772.225.1875
 History of Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge: 138th Anniversary.

Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Celebrate Archaeology Month
Archaeology Day at Brevard Museum
 2201 Michigan Ave., Cocoa, FL
 321.632.1830
 Learn about the people who lived in Florida 12,000 years ago and how archaeologists study them.

Month of March, 2014
Ed Vosatka's History of Logging Exhibit
 Fee Avenue Melbourne Public Library
 540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne, FL

SBHS 2014 HOME TOUR VOLUNTEERS

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