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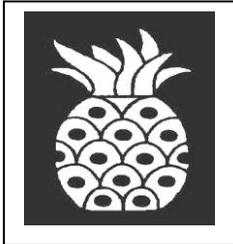
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TOUR OF HUTCHINSON ISLAND, ELLIOT MUSEUM & HOUSE OF REFUGE



**Saturday, November 14, 2015
9:30 AM – 6:00 PM**

You are invited to join the South Brevard Historical Society for a scenic sightseeing tour to Hutchinson Island. We will travel via deluxe air-conditioned motor coach down the coast through Fort Pierce and Jensen Beach. Our first stop will be lunch at the Dolphin House (the former Francis Langford's Outrigger) with magnificent views of the Intracoastal Waterway and Hutchinson Island. You may dine here or bring your own lunch.

Following lunch a guided tour of Hutchinson Island will begin the next leg of our journey. We will visit the Elliot Museum with its century-old memorabilia, circus history and baseball exhibits in addition to the popular car museum which houses automobiles ranging from the Model T to vehicles of the 21st Century. While traveling, our guide will share stories of Spanish and Indian history from the Treasure Coast along with other tales of Florida's past.

Next we will visit Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge. This house is the only remaining example of nine houses built on the east coast of Florida for the U.S. Life Saving Service in 1875. The keepers of these houses provided shelter, food, clothing and transportation to survivors of shipwrecks and storms at sea.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE – CALL 321.480.7570 FOR RESERVATIONS
\$59.00 Per Person
Includes transportation, tour guide, and admission to listed attractions.



PLEASE NOTE:

THE TOUR OF HUTCHINSON ISLAND REPLACES MONTHLY MEETING AT THE FEE AVENUE LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETINGS WILL RESUME AT THE LIBRARY ON DECEMBER 12th

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

The next few months will be exciting for SBHS as we begin to plan for our 50th Anniversary in 2016. Founded on April 29, 1966, SBHS's mission is to "keep South Brevard's history alive" and bring together citizens interested in the history of Florida, with a specific spotlight on our County. For the last 49 years, the Society has done well to uphold this vision. In 2016 we will begin the next 50 years by working with our members and the community to celebrate our past in new ways and to promote SBHS's collection and the stories of the people who have lived in Brevard. I welcome anyone with memories and/or objects of SBHS meetings and activities over the last 50 years to contact me, as we would like to record these memories and digitize them in a continuing effort to preserve the Society's history.

Our trip in November includes a visit to Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge, which is the last House of Refuge remaining on Florida's east coast. Its only purpose was to be a place of relief and safety for shipwrecked persons from 1876 thru 1941 when much of the coast of Florida was uninhabited. Throughout our County and State, there are many places that have unique and fascinating stories just waiting for interested people to find them. This leads me to mention that we have a few openings for our *Annual Show and Tell* program on December 12th. Any members or friends who would like to share a historic artifact or memento with our group, should contact me so I may add you to the agenda.

Please remember that we are not meeting at the library in November. If I do not see you on the bus, please have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

Don Jennings
South Brevard Historical Society President, 2015
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UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

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December 12, 2015 3:00 PM
Our Historic Favorites – Annual Show and Tell
An annual favorite!! SBHS Members and Friends share their historic artifacts and mementos and the story behind them.

January 9, 2016 3:00 PM
Your Local History Resources: How to Find, Use & Contribute to Brevard and Florida History With Resources on the Internet and in the Library.
Presented by Karen Raley, Local Historian and Author

SAVE THE DATE!!!
February 6, 2016
Home Tour in Historic Eau Gallie
Details to follow

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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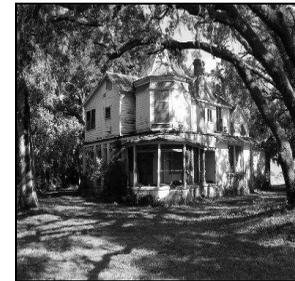
November 13 & 14, 2015
The Brevard Museum presents the improved and expanded *People of Windover* exhibit opening: "Windover Weekend"
Exhibit preview Friday night will include gourmet hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer & live music. Will continue on Saturday with a panel discussion. Tickets available at www.myfloridahistory.org.

November 11, 2015 10:00 AM
Annual Veteran's Day Parade
Downtown Melbourne
For detailed route information call Honor America 321.723.8543

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YOU ARE INVITED! THE GREEN GABLES FALL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 21st
1:00-5:00 PM



Historic Green Gables

Members of the community are invited to visit and tour the first floor of this iconic historic home built in 1896 by William and Nora Wells. In addition to a few "decorator" touches in the main rooms, the north room will feature historical exhibits and information about the Wells family.

This event is free to the public

**Green Gables Located at:
1501 South Harbor City Boulevard
Melbourne**

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.

TRAVELING TRUNK UPDATE

During the last six months SBHS has been assembling the first traveling history trunk with items gathered from its collection. The trunk has been specifically created for teachers looking for a unique and educational way to share the heritage of Florida and Brevard with their classrooms. We are on target to begin loaning the trunk to local schools in early 2016.

The trunk's theme is Early Florida Agriculture and focuses on some of the tools that would have been found on Florida farms or in supporting industries (i.e. blacksmiths) during the late 1800's through the early 20th Century. The trunk contains stories, photographs, and a few historical artifacts which will enable students to enjoy a personal experience with the past. A teacher's manual and student guide have been developed to help the students learn about the history of the area as well as practice thinking about the past from the time period of the artifact.

This project has been funded in part with a \$500 grant awarded to SBHS by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and a \$500 donation from the local Philip Perry Chapter of NSDAR. Our grant is just one of many that NSDAR made throughout the year to preserve our nation's history. We feel fortunate that both the national and local organizations have chosen to assist SBHS in this effort and thank them for their support.