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Saturday, September 9, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

Underwater Archeology in Florida Waters

Presented by Sir Robert Marx



Humans have been navigating the waters that surround Florida for thousands of years. Three hundred years ago, ships sailed by the Spanish to Europe from places like the Caribbean and Central and South America carried vast amounts of treasure and goods. Travelers faced many hazards on these journeys resulting in a large number of shipwrecks in the seas off of the Florida coast. Sir Robert Marx's presentation, "Underwater Archeology in Florida Waters" will detail what the artifacts recovered from these wrecks tell us about the sailors as well as the history of commerce and transport through Florida waters.

We are pleased to welcome back Sir Robert Marx, underwater archaeologist, author and American scuba diving pioneer, best known for his work with shipwrecks and sunken treasure. In 1962 he was made a Knight Commander in the Order of Isabella the Catholic by the Spanish government for his work with the Nina II. Marx has also written over 900 popular articles and archeological reports that have been published in more than 50 countries.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

"Shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world"; that is the vision statement of the Smithsonian. Although SBHS is nowhere near the size of the Smithsonian, our vision in "Keeping South Brevard's History Alive" similarly drives us to preserve the local history and find new ways to "tell" history. This season (Sept. 2017 through June 2018), we are continuing to assemble Traveling History Trunks for use by local students and teachers. In addition, we are working with the Franklin T. DeGroot Public Library in Palm Bay as a contributor of historical artifacts for their Memory Café (more about this in this newsletter).

Working on these programs is both fun and rewarding and I ask each of you to consider volunteering. If you can help us, we will be able to expand the ways we record and tell the story of South Brevard's unique past. The finished products will educate and entertain current and future generations.

Starting with Sir Robert Marx telling us about underwater archeology in Florida waters, we look forward to presenting a season of fascinating programs that will increase your knowledge and fuel a drive to learn more about Brevard's history.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Don Jennings, President 2017
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UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

Saturday, October 14, 2017

The Indian River Then and Now: Vital to Early Settlers of South Brevard & Sebastian. Current Efforts to Restore Its Ecology

Presented by Charlie Sembler and Virginia Barker, Director, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Veteran's Day Parade

Downtown Melbourne to the Liberty Bell Museum. 10:00 AM to Noon

* *Fee Avenue library will be closed for the holiday. SBHS will not hold its regular meeting, but encourages all to attend this patriotic parade.*

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Annual Historic Show and Tell Sharing Life's Treasured Moments

Featuring a panel of local residents

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Drag Racing in Brevard

Featuring a panel of local racing enthusiasts

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Pioneer Days at the Sams House Merritt Island

* *Program is off-site this month*

Saturday, March 10, 2018

A Woman's Journey Into the Heart of the Florida Frontier

Presented by Sarah Younger, Author

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Florida Before Statehood

Presented by Ben DiBiase, Florida Historical Society

Programs are free and held the second Saturday of each month (September-June) 3:00 PM

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* Except as noted ***

TRAVELING HISTORY TRUNK UPDATE

The first trunk was presented to a home school group in November, 2016. The theme of this trunk, *Agriculture – Pioneer Life in Florida* focuses on tools that might have been found on Florida farms during the late 1800's through early 1900's.

The trunk, shown below, contains items from the SBHS collection including a brush hook, bee smoker, fruit crate and wooden seeder. The next two trunks will focus on *The Classroom: Then & Now and Early Settlers of Brevard County*. The traveling trunks are designed for use in the 4th grade Florida history curriculum.



MEMORY CAFÉ INTRODUCTION

Upon hearing of the Traveling Trunk program, the DeGroot Library in Palm Bay contacted SBHS and we are proud to announce our collaboration with them on the *Memory Café* project. This program is designed to entertain and stimulate dementia care patients and their caregivers by sharing with them artifacts intended to trigger fond memories. SBHS is excited to participate in this endeavor by loaning items from its archival collection. The first *Memory Café* program is set for 2:00 PM, October 15.

ST. AUGUSTINE BUS TOUR Monday, October 23, 2017 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

The Eau Gallie Arts District (EGAD) has announced a one-day bus trip to the Lightner Museum in historic St. Augustine. The museum is housed in the former Alcazar Hotel built in 1888 by Henry Flagler. Today it is home to one of the best collections of 19th century art in the country. Currently on display is the national traveling exhibit of *Dressing Downton*, from the Masterpiece Theater hit show *Downton Abbey*.

You may enter the museum at any point to tour the collections; the group will tour the *Downton* exhibit at 1 PM for one hour. Please check Trip Advisor or Yelp for lunch choices near the museum.

For ticket information:
321.574.2737
eaugallieartsdistrict.com.

SBHS YOU TUBE CHANNEL

If you have not visited the SBHS website lately.....what are you waiting for??! We have established a link for the newly created SBHS YouTube Channel. It can be found under the "Local History Videos" tab on the website.

Video recordings of our monthly programs are found here and provide a great way to catch a missed program or view a favorite one again.

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