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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

This is just another important step in the progress of the New Port Richey Museum. This is our first newsletter. It will be published three times a year.

The purpose is to keep you informed of the monthly programs for the next four months.

There will be articles by various members of our staff - Curators, Librarian, Program chair-persons and others who contribute to the operating and success of your Museum.

On behalf of the West Pasco Historical Society and the New Port Richey Museum, our sincere thanks to A. G. Edwards & Sons of Holiday for underwriting the cost of this newsletter.

Please visit your Museum. Try to attend the special programs, and the monthly meeting as often as you can.

We need your support.

Alex Acey, President

GLEN DILL CONGRATULATES US!

The West Pasco Historical Society adds another bright star to its crown of accomplishments, with this first edition of its bulletin.

Congratulations on this nice mouthpiece for your organization, and for the continued progress of your Society and its New Port Richey Museum.

As a life member and a past director, I know I can speak for all of those who helped the WPHS in the past and in these present years - a good job well done - all of you can be rightly proud.

As historians state wide, Edie and I have been to many Museums and attended meetings. You rank near the top for towns of this size in Florida.

Keep up your good meetings and your nice Museum for future generations.

You add greatly to the area culture.

Sincerely,
Glen Dill

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H A P P E N I N G S

The following are the programs for the West Pasco Historical Society's regular meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Museum meeting room.

OCTOBER 17 - SLIDE AND TALK SHOW

This is by Andy and Adele Gregos of the famous museums and historic places they visited recently in England.

Pauline Ash, author, and Kathryn Strode, artist, will be honored for their contributions to the Museum.

NOVEMBER 21 - EARLY FLORIDA PIONEERS

Our own Glen Dill will present a most interesting program. His talk is on "Early Pioneers and How New Port Richey Was Started". BE THERE

DECEMBER 19 - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Glenna Vickers, our Social Chairman, urges everyone to save that date. This is the annual potluck Christmas dinner, with old fashioned Christmas tree, carols and surprises. Let's enjoy this festive season together.

As has been the custom of the Museum, the 3rd Sunday of each month, we have a special program and open house. This is from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 20 - CALUSA WOOD CARVERS

If you have never seen these talented artists - don't miss it.

NOVEMBER 17 T B A

Because of the many activities during the holidays, there will be no DEC. Special Sunday program.

Look in the next issue for next years programs.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

On the Museum grounds, a one day sale will be held Saturday, Nov. 16th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

This is one of our big fund raisers of the year.

Please bring any saleable items you may have to the Museum before hand. If you are unable to bring it, call and someone will pick it up.

Call the Museum on Thursday, Friday or Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at 847-0680 or Gene Sniffen at 848-7663.

CURATORS' CORNER

We invite you to come to the Museum and see the new displays. It is impossible to list all the new ones. At some future date we shall make a public list of our donors and loaners.

One of the new items is an iron crane with implements for cooking which was brought from Ireland and given and erected by Bill and Gertrude Ward. Also, a courting lamp from our friend antique dealer Mary Murcek.

Another of our dealer friends - Lemen'a Antiques loaned us the figure of a "Chestnut Roaster" made from a solid piece of wood and covered with jesso - Antique china from Mynette Bernhard - a plate collection and items from members Clarence and Edith Betz.

Half the fun of owning something unique is being able to share it. Remember us when you would like to share.

Adele Gregos

Curator, Chairman

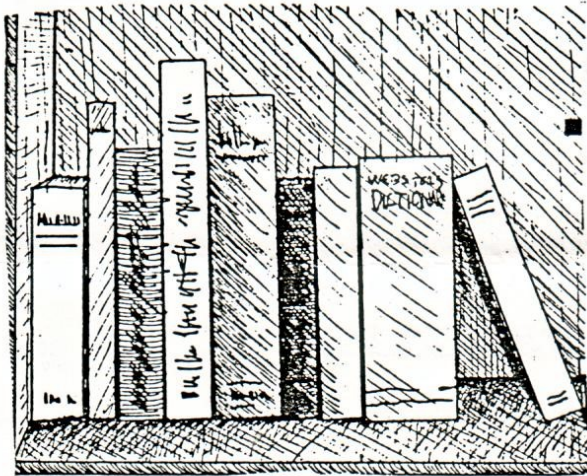


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The Library was opened to the public in 1973. It was organized and implemented by Janet Lewis, former Librarian of the New Port Richey Public Library, and a group of volunteer assistants. It was made possible too, by the generosity of the public Library, which loaned us some books and furniture. Many people have contributed books, clippings and magazines. Andrew Gregos has contributed well over a hundred books.

Our purpose is to have a depository for local history, scrap books of local organizations and minutes available to the public. We have a reference section on local, Pasco County and Florida history. Our vertical file has photos of Indian and Pioneer days, landmark buildings, newspaper and archival material. We have bound and unbound copies of the New Port Richey Press since 1921.

Contributions of the above are greatly appreciated.

Library volunteers are: Betty Jones, Julie Chenoweth, Mary Leitch, Winifred Harris, Betty Sabo and Isabelle Burrey.

Would you like to help, too?

Jessie Hyde
Librarian



METAMORPHOSIS

While not precisely a story of the ugly duckling turned into a swan - nevertheless, no one had thought the change would be so great.

In 1981 Alex and Dorothy Acey donated the old Seven Springs school house built in 1913. They had originally planned to raze the structure. They were approached by Julie Obenreder and immediately recognized not only its potential but historical significance.

In October 1981 the building was moved to its present site in Sims Park and leased through the courtesy of the New Port Richey Council.

The dedication of the Museum was on January 16, 1983 with approximately 500 people attending. New Port Richey Mayor George Henry officiated at the ribbon cutting.

The Society continues its dedicated task of preserving the history of West Pasco County and Florida and enhances its meetings and monthly programs with cultural exhibits and lectures.

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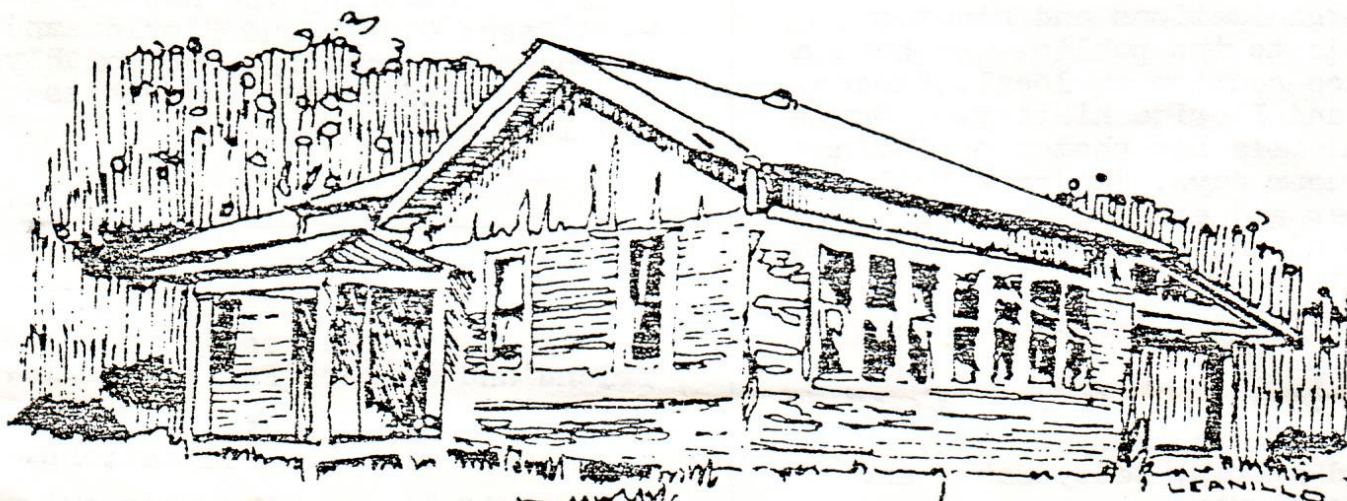
We all grieve the loss of our good friend and member, Parker Harris.

He added greatly to the beauty in our Museum with his collections.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his widow, Winifred, and sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Howard Chenoweth.



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The original Seven Springs
Schoolhouse as it looked
when on State Rd. 54