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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The plans for our new building have been finalized and approved by the New Port Richey City Council. This is a much needed addition and will be a great asset to the cultural facilities of the area.

The year ahead will be a busy one as we plan to kick-off a fund raiser to get the building underway as soon as possible. Our goal is \$60,000, which we are confident we will reach through the generosity of those who realize the importance of preserving our heritage, furnishing a library for research, and establishing a place for educational and social meetings.

We urgently need your cooperation in this effort. Thank you.

Julie Obenreder, President

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CURATOR

Many of our displays have an international flavor. We can now boast of collections of pre-Columbian, Peruvian, American Indian and the start of an "around the world" grouping.

The rapidly growing doll collection includes a very old handmade babydoll and many dressed in costumes of different lands - even shell dolls from Malaysia.

We appreciate all those who loaned and donated articles to the Museum for the community to enjoy. We try to display each item appropriately. Thanks to everyone who are helping with the multitude of jobs and to the Docents who are much appreciated. We need every member to help in order to keep growing in 1987.

Adele Gregos, Curator

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Come visit our COUNTRY CORNER GIFT SHOP - Unique gifts on sale at a reasonable price.

Frances Howland, Manager

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Our president, Julie Obenreder is pleased to announce the acceptance of Ceil Zubrod to fill the office of Vice President to replace Ellen Kleckner who moved to Clearwater.

Our thanks to: WILLIAM L. HACKNEY, SENIOR ASSOCIATE OF RAYMOND JAMES AND ASSOCIATES, INC. for sponsoring this newsletter.

Mr. Hackney will hold a seminar Friday, Jan. 23rd - 1:30 P.M. at museum

Subject: Financial Planning Opportunities: 1987 tax laws; wills and trusts.

LIBRARY

An important part of our library is the picture collection. We are fortunate to have received pictures, some loaned, some donated by Rosco Henderson, Melvin Draft, Pauline Ash, Julie Obenreder, the late James A. Grey and others.

We have loaned pictures to the 100 Year Centennial Committee, West Pasco Press, Centennial Calender Committee and a few others. Also, we have had many requests for information about early pioneers and buildings.

At present, we are working on a plan to better exhibit our pictures for the public to look at. If you have any photos of early days we would gladly accept them for display.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

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GENEALOGY

There are many lineage records and ways to research. Who were those first boatloads of people to arrive in the New World and where did they settle in America? Who are our descendents?

We connect one generation to another, finding proof and deeded information. When a piece of the puzzle is in place, it is a joyous satisfaction to the participants of the genealogy class.

We will meet again Saturday, January 10th at 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. and continue each week. We are working, learning group. Join us at the New Port Richey Museum, 100 Circle Blvd.

Louise Meichner,
Genealogical Chairman

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GOOD FOR YOU Our thanks to our youngest member, Joseph Arnold, student at Gulf Jr. High, for a wonderful Christmas gift presented to the Society.

It came as a great surprise and represented hours of work by Joey - two volumes of complete index of "West Pasco's Heritage", the history book written and published by the West Pasco Historical Society.

The book is still available for sale at the Museum. (Thanks again Joey)

Our christmas party held in the N.P.R. Recreation Center was a great success with sixty members and guests in attendance. Mayor Robert Prior was the guest of honor. An auction was held following the dinner which netted \$212.00 for our building fund.

The MINIATURE ART SOCIETY OF FLORIDA INVITES YOU TO THEIR TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL MINIATURE ART SHOW, 800 original works of miniature art, on display at the Kapok Tree Restaurant in Clearwater on January 11 thru 25, daily from noon to 9:00 P.M.

Don't miss the opening awards reception, January 11th at 1:00 P.M.

Accordion selections will be played by Adele Gregos prior to the 1:00 P.M. ceremony. President, Julie Obenreder will present an award on behalf of the West Pasco Historical Society.

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MUSEUM HOURS - Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 P.M.

Special Program - 3rd Sunday, each month from 2 to 4 P.M.

Special Events - Per news media

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

JANUARY - 15 - Thursday, 7:00 P.M. - History of our local American Red Cross by Rev. George Hill, Interim Manager and Bea Crockett, author of the history of this Chapter.

JANUARY - 18 - NEW PORT RICHEY MUSEUM DAY - 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. - Sunday -
An annual day to honor city officials and others who helped to make the Museum possible. Ceil Zubrod is General Chairman - Gene Sniffen is General Coordinator - Kenneth Carter is Entertainment Chairman.
The public is invited - refreshments will be served and a big day is planned by our Society members.

FEBRUARY - 15 - Sunday - 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. - Jacques Van Kirk, author and lecturer, will speak on the subject, "The Maya".- plus a display of artifacts.

FEBRUARY - 19 - Thursday, 7:00 P.M. - History of Port Richey Community Church and the beginning of the Open Door School by Rev. and Mrs. William McCart.

MARCH - 15 - Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. - Art Festival - Adele Gregos, Chairman, will feature art work and demonstrations by local artists.

MARCH - 19 - Thursday, 7:00 P.M. - Norma Nelson (Past President)
Subject - "The Timicuan Indians"

APRIL - Programs to be announced. Election month

WAYS AND MEANS

FEBRUARY - 14 - VALENTINE FASHION SHOW - 12.00 noon at Seven Springs Country Club. There will be a Special showing of New and Old fashions in keeping with the Centennial Celebration.
Tickets - \$6.75 and may be purchased from members or at the Museum. For information call Chairman, B. Lewis at 842-1077 or the Museum at 847-0680.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY

MARCH - 14 and 21 - SALE OF SLOPPY JOE SANDWISHES at the Chasco Fiesta in Sims Park.

MAY - 7,8 & 9 - St. Augustine Trip to Florida Historical Society Convention
Details to be announced.

PLEASE NOTE: Our volunteers need a good typewriter for the Museum.
A donation would be greatly appreciated.

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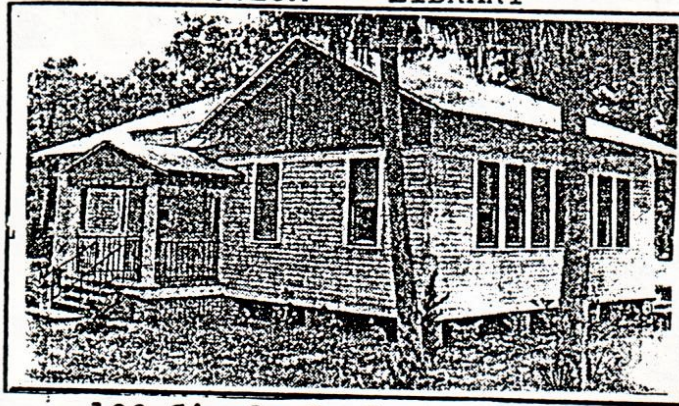


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100th anniversary-
with year long
festivities.
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to make it a
memorable
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Museum- See
our many pictures
collectibles,
children's corner
and research
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