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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

Our fall season is off to a great start. The interest and enthusiasm by our staff are overwhelming. Adele Gregos, Curator Chairman, and her Committee have a large number of new exhibits on display. Glenna Vickers, Program Chairman, has a variety of excellent programs for the year (listed in Newsletter). Jessie Hyde, our Librarian, and her Committee have a number of new additions to the Library. Come and see them.

Our museum grounds are undergoing a beautification program, thanks to the New Port Richey Council for their support.

Congratulations to our new bank in Pasco County. Our sincere thanks to First Florida Bank of Pasco County for underwriting our Newsletters.

Best wishes for a visit to the New Port Richey Museum!

Alex Acey
President

LIBRARY

The Library has an excellent collection of Floridiana and reference materials relating to organizations in Florida. We are growing as a resource center for history of the Pasco County area and Florida in general. Two of our outstanding works are Florida Handbook, 1987-1988, a generous gift of Norma Nelson; and Tampa Bay History, promulgated by the History Department, USF, a welcome donation from Ida Brunner. We have greatly enlarged our collection of newspaper clippings pertaining to Pasco County history and pioneer days. This is housed in the vertical file.

An invitation is extended to all to use our reference facilities in the Library. Books and materials for circulation are available to members of the Society only.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

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CURATOR

This year we are adding a new feature in the museum. Each month there will be a different Showcase highlighting the work of various local organizations who will also present the Third Sunday Programs. The September Showcase featured Indian artifacts from the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, as well as our museum collection. Also featured was a collection of Indian arrowheads found in Beacon Square during construction of that development. In October the Showcase will display the fine work of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Gulf View Chapter.

As the museum grows so grow the responsibilities. So, I am happy to announce that this year I shall be assisted by Ceil Zubrod, Jean Cole, and Gene Sniffen. A special thanks to Dorothy Nelson and Frances Howland who are always on hand to assist me. We urge each member, if possible, to sit a few hours at your museum this year. You really will enjoy it and meet some interesting people. Thanks to all who have already signed to spend a few hours with us.

Adele Gregos, Curator

GENEALOGY

The last few months seemed to fly by very quickly and now it is time to resume our genealogy classes. These classes are free and will be held at the Historical Society Museum in Sims Park, 1 - 4 P.M. The initial session was held on September 12. Bring along information you have gathered about your family, a pencil, and some paper. The classes will continue every Saturday for six weeks. Following a brief recess, classes will resume. Watch for the announcement.

In creating a family tree you will find tracing your ancestors a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. Come and learn how to research family histories.

Need help in finding your Irish ancestors? Write to:

Irish Genealogical Association
162a Kingsway, Dunmurry
Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT17 9 AD.

Louise Meichner, Genealogical Chairman

COUNTRY CORNER GIFT SHOP

Most of us have some bibelots or half forgotten treasures stashed in a secret place--jewelry, scarves, books, ceramics, etc., items for home or personal use. Such items, if like new, are desired for our boutique and will be eagerly received. Please don't overlook articles for men. Let's give Neiman-Marcus and Abercrombie & Fitch a competitive jolt! Your Society needs the revenue from this little shop.

Perhaps there is enough latent talent and interest to create an arts and crafts group whereby handcrafted items would be made for sale--beadwork, macrame, silk flowers, paintings, ceramics, lace, wood carving, all types of needlework. Let's stress this project.

Audrey O'Neil, Chairman

P R O J E C T I O N S O F I M P E N D I N G D E L I G H T S

PROGRAMS FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS - THIRD THURSDAY

<u>1987</u>	<u>Museum</u>
October 15	CENTENNIAL OF PASCO COUNTY, Alex Acey.
November 19	TREASURES FROM THE GREAT MANSIONS OF BRITAIN, Adele Gregos.
December 17	CHRISTMAS PARTY, Auction, Leonard Carr, Auctioneer; Baubles & bangles, Gastronomic delights, Gold & glitter, Holly & mistletoe. Save this date and bring something to auction.
 <u>1988</u>	
January 21	A BIT OF NOSTALGIA, Ida Brunner & Fanny Hatcher on events, times & places down through the years. Question & answer period following.
February 18	SHOW AND TELL. Bring something historical, unique, or intriguing to show and tell about.
March 17	Open
April 21	Open
May TBA	ANNUAL BANQUET, Installation of new officers, program, dinner, social time.

OPEN HOUSE - THIRD SUNDAY

<u>1987</u>	<u>Museum</u>
October 18	EMBROIDERERS' GUILD, Gulf View Chapter.
November 16	VASA SWEDISH CLUB - Dancing & Swedish artifacts.
December -	No open house - A beautiful display of Madonnas of the world.
 <u>1988</u>	
January 17	NEW PORT RICHEY MUSEUM DAY, Alex Acey, Chairman; Open house, refreshments; Frances Mallett, program.
February 21	CHILDREN'S DISPLAY OF VALENTINES, ESSAYS BY OLDER CHILDREN, DISPLAY OF OLD-FASHIONED VALENTINES.
March 20	WEST PASCO MODEL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION - Display for two weekends (In conjunction with Chasco Fiesta).
April 17	HAPPY HOLIDAY CHINA PAINTERS.
May -	No open house - Annual Installation Banquet.

February 13, 1988 - VALENTINE FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

Seven Springs Country Club
 Sponsor: Sophisticated Shirttail
 5119 Southgate Mall, New Port Richey
 8864 SR 52, Port Richey
 Chairmen: Dorothy Acey, Jean Kennedy.

November 21, 1987 - CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

10 A.M.-4 P.M. November 22, 1987 1 P.M.-4 P.M.	Sims Park, New Port Richey Cosponsorship: Pasco Fine Arts Council New Port Richey Parks & Recreation Department.
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Samuel Pasco

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"If there is a country in the world where concord, according to common calculation, would be least expected, it is America. Made up, as it is, of people from different nations, accustomed to different forms and habits of government, speaking different languages, and more different in their modes of worship, it would appear that the union of such a people was impracticable. But by the simple operation of constructing government on the principles of society and the rights of man, every difficulty retires, and the parts are brought into cordial union."

Thomas Paine, Rights of Man

Of English birth, Sam Pasco had been educated at Harvard and had made his career in Florida. He had been wounded fighting for the South during the Civil War. After the war, he had fought for the Southern cause in the law courts and in politics. He was elected to the Florida Legislature in 1886, and became speaker of the house. At the time Col. Hendley proposed naming a county for him, Sam Pasco had just been elected to the U.S. Senate.

The Florida legislators were swayed by Hendley's proposal. The southern part of Hernando County was split off and named Pasco County.