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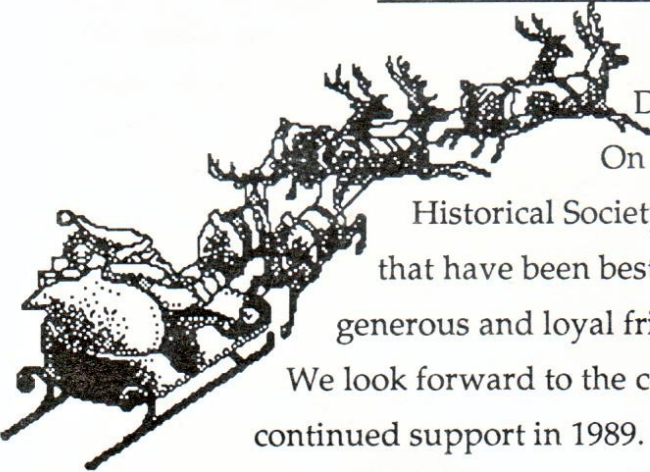
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THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Members:

On behalf of the officers, directors, and staff of the West Pasco Historical Society, we are grateful for the many blessings and improvements that have been bestowed on our Museum this past year by the many generous and loyal friends.

We look forward to the coming year with interest and enthusiasm and ask for your continued support in 1989.

May the Holiday Season bring you health and happiness.

Alex Acey, President

THE MINATURE ART SOCIETY OF FLORIDA

is proud to invite you to the FOURTEENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SHOW. It will be held at the Kapok Tree Restaurant, Clearwater, January 8-21, 1989.

Outstanding artists from throughout the United States and foreign countries will display beautiful and intriguing artwork. This popular show is always highly rewarding.

The Historical Society award will be presented by our president, Mr. Alex Acey, at 1:00 P.M. on opening Sunday.

Prior to the awards ceremony, accordion virtuoso Adele LeBuffe Gregos will enhance the scene with some lovely music. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

CURATOR

During the month of January the Museum will be showcasing a collection of pitchers and boxes owned by member Jean Cole. Please come to enjoy all the lovely displays.

If you have a collection which you think others would enjoy, you might wish to lend it for a month. Let us know!

Once again, thanks to all the sitters. We anticipate your continued support and hope for additional volunteers.

Adele Gregos, Curator

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

The **RUMMAGE SALE** held on November 18-19 was highly successful in that we cleared \$800.00. This figure will be augmented by proceeds from items sold on consignment. When all money is received, the final total should be in excess of \$900.00. Seventy (70) bag sales were realized during the last hour of the sale.

These sales bring us the added satisfaction of outreach to the community. From the large volume of material remaining unsold, donations were made to various local agencies. Among these recipients were: Assembly of God Church for Project HUG (unwed mothers), the Blind, Fire Department, Goodwill Industries, books and magazines to Elfers Senior Center, and others. We will donate some items to Whispering Pines Nursing Center for the enhancement of their Christmas.

Our sincere thanks are expressed to all who worked so hard to make this project succeed. They turned in a super performance.

Gene Sniffen, Chairman

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MEMBERSHIP

Your membership support is valuable to us. Our operations in large measure are dependent on dues received from you. If a red dot appears on your address label, it means your check will be joyfully received. If there has been a change in your address, including zip code, please so advise us. This will expedite delivery of your Newsletter.

Andrew K. Gregos, Chairman

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OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, March 19, 1989, 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Museum.

The West Pasco Art Guild will demonstrate their award winning techniques.

LIBRARY

Our library has many books on local history, some of which are out of print. Following are some outstanding examples:

"The Genesis of New Port Richey" by Elroy Avery, c 1924.

"Tales of West Pasco" by Ralph Bellwood, c 1962.

"Florida Cracker Days in West Pasco County, 1830-1982" by Pauline S. Ash, c 1985.

"West Pasco's Heritage" by West Pasco Historical Society, c 1974.

"My Pioneer Days in West Pasco, Autobiographical History" by Julie Obenreder, c 1983.

"The Suncoast Past" by Glen Dill.

In addition we have a four-drawer file full of articles and clippings about New Port Richey, Pasco County, and Florida.

Everyone is welcome to use our materials for reference.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

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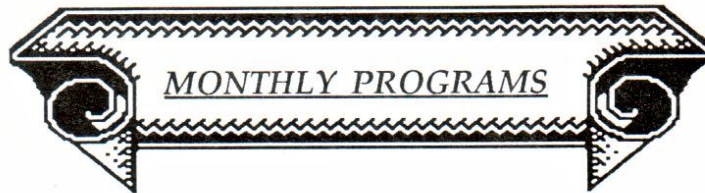
COUNTRY STORE

The Country Corner Store has many gift items for sale but so far sales have been slow. we need a lot more customers if our sales are to exceed those of last year.

Among the gifts are: jewelry, baby items, greeting cards, ceramics, glassware, linens, pictures, Christmas decorations, and many more.

To all those who have not participated in the Museum activities this year, or contributed to the Gift Shop, won't you make a special effort to visit the store soon.

Audrey O'Neil, Manager



December 15

6:00 P.M. Sharp

CHRISTMAS PARTY, Community Congregational Church, Circle Blvd., New Port Richey. Bring your own place setting and your favorite dish to pass. Drinks will be furnished. The tables will be in a festive mode and a Christmas tree will grace the scene. Please each one bring some items to be auctioned by Leonard Carr, auctioneer. This auction is one of our chief fund raisers, a source of revenue to sustain the Museum. Betty Sabo and Flo Reveillac are co-chairmen of the dinner.

COME AND SHARE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

"THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS — is a powerful magic indeed. It transforms ordinary city streets into fanciful avenues of multicolored lights, it inspires the tone-deaf to join in merry carols, it can soften the heart of a Scrooge. Christmas magic reunites scattered families, causes perfect strangers to greet one another and fills up the churches. And the magic continues to work, season after season."

From "The Life Book of Christmas," Volume III

(By the Editors of Life).

January 19

7:00 P.M.

REVEREND WILLIAM McCART, our speaker, will bring us his impressions of yesteryear in Pasco County. We anticipate a fine historical evening. Do be with us. Refreshments.

February 16

6:00 P.M.

POTLUCK DINNER. Please bring a savory dish to pass, your place setting, and enjoy a stimulating evening with ADELE and ANDREW GREGOS showing and narrating the beautiful slides they made this past summer on their vacation to outstanding spots in England, Wales, Switzerland, and Italy. Adele and Andy make a splendid presentation. You will enjoy both the dinner and the evening.

Glenna Vickers, Program Chairman

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WHITE CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA?

Improbable! And yet — a trace of snow fell as far south as Fort Myers one winter. The Greatest snowfalls on record occurred on February 13, both in 1899 and 1958. In 1899 Lake Butler had 4.0 inches and Bartow received one half inch. In 1958 most of Florida west of the Suwannee River had 2 to 3 inches of snow. On the same date Tallahassee received 3.0 inches and Jacksonville 1.5 inches. In 1899 Tallahassee experienced adequate snow for a snowball fight which was engaged in on the Capitol steps.

ODE TO A VOLUNTEER

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgment nears
That there's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools
Where there's no committee chairman
No group leaders or car pools.
No eager team that needs a coach
No bazaar and no bake sale
There will be nothing to staple
Not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.
You ask, who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on earth.

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