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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members and Friends:

The West Pasco Historical Society and Museum are opening the fall season on a positive note with a number of outstanding additions:

First, a handicap ramp donated by the Aid Association for Lutherans, Branch No.4582.

Second, an air conditioning-heating unit in our meeting room contributed by New Port Richey councilman James Bowman of Custom Contractors, Inc., and Chris Mehuron of CJ's Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.

Third, a new American flag to grace the flagpole near the Museum entrance, a gift of Pearl of the West Masonic Lodge of New Port Richey.

Our deep appreciation is extended for these splendid improvements.

A sophisticated security system has been installed in our building. This should help alleviate the fears of donors and lenders for their treasures placed in the Museum.

We are grateful to the First Florida Bank of Pasco County for underwriting the cost of this newsletter for the second year.

Please come and join us whenever you can.

Alex Acey, President

CURATION

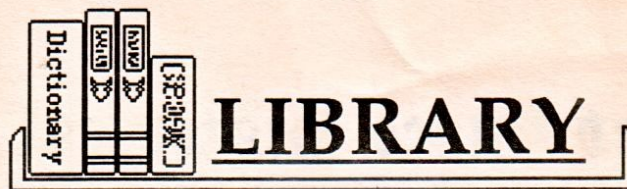
We are pleased to announce the showing of a lovely Wedgwood collection on loan for Winifred Harris. There are also more English treasures donated by Sheila Parry, and Early American candy dishes from Dorothy Nelson.

Pasco-Hernando Community College will display miniature art works by Adele Lebuffe Gregos. Concurrently exhibited will display miniature art works by Adele LeBuffe Gregos. Concurrently exhibited will be the permanent collection of the Miniature Art Society of Florida. Dated: October 5-27; Address; Library, West Campus, 7025 SR 587, New Port Richey.

"Greeters" are needed to sit at the desk on Thursdays and Fridays. If you can spare three hours even once during the year, it will be appreciated.

Adele Gregos, Curator

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INTERESTING BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY:

Red, White and Bluebloods in Frontier Florida by Malcom B. Johnson, Bicentennial Edition, Rotary Club of Tallahassee, c 1976.

American independence arrived late to Florida, but the blood of the founding fathers ran strong in the veins of pioneers who moved into the new area. Most were kin of prominent men in government with visions of becoming wealthy plantation owners. Thomas Jefferson's grandson was Tallahassee's first mayor. George Washington's great-grandniece came and married Napoleon Bonaparte's nephew.

Title abstracts to most property in the northeast quadrant of Tallahassee today go back to ownership by de Lafayette who was given six square miles (which he never saw) for services in the American Revolution. Many aristocratic pioneers left their stamp on social life in Tallahassee. This is their story.

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Sliver Dollar: the Story of the Tabors by David Karsner, Bonanza Books, c 1932.

H.A.W. Tabor and his yankee bride left the stone quarries of New England for the free soil of Kansas, thence pursuing their search for riches to the Colorado mountains. They witnessed the birth of Denver, kept stores in mining camps, saved and finally out of a stake of \$64.75 to a couple of Germans, secured a third interest in the Pittsburg mine, which a few months later he sold for \$1,000,000.

The rise to wealth and incredible way of life of this Croesus is one of the major fables of the West. The gold standard men of the East toppled the western silver kings from their throne.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

MEMBERSHIP

Members who have not sent in their renewal dues will find a red dot on their address labels. A remittance will be appreciated: \$5.00 Individual, \$8.00 Family, \$15.00 Patron. Our mailing address is now 100 Circle Boulevard, New Port Richey, Florida 34652. Your continued support means a great deal to us.

Andrew K. Gregos, Chairman

COUNTRY CORNER STORE

Facing into the coming year we greatly anticipate sales in excess of the \$800.00 volume we experienced last year. We thank all who helped make the gift shop a success.

Are you interested in an arts and crafts group to make items for our gift store? The group will meet at my home, 512 Madison Street, New Port Richey, the first session scheduled for October 4, 2-4 P.M. Bring your own project or work on craft and sewing kits provided. Novembers are welcome however all creations are for our store. Last year's Christmas items were inexpensive and sold quickly. We in the Society are our own best customers.

Audrey O'Neil, Chairman

PROGRAMS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

1988

October 20

6:00 P.M.

Potluck Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Please bring your own place setting and a favorite dish to pass. Following will be **RUSSIA TODAY** by Clara Ann Smith who has just returned from an educational tour of Russia, in conjunction with Ohio State University.

November 17

7:00 P.M.

OUR BEAUTIFUL FLORIDA FLOWERS, an unusual slide collection presented by one of our members, Jack Drummond. Refreshments will be served.

December 15

6:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. We are planning a festive evening in a Joyous holiday spirit. There will be the usual fun auction with Leonard Carr presiding as auctioneer. This is a good fund raiser so please bring your items for the auction. It is our hope this affair will take place at Community Congregational Church on Circle Boulevard. More details on the Christmas party will follow in the December newsletter.

We have endeavored to provide exceptional programs for your pleasure and trust you will attend and enjoy them to the utmost.

Thank You,
Glenna Vickers, Program Chairman

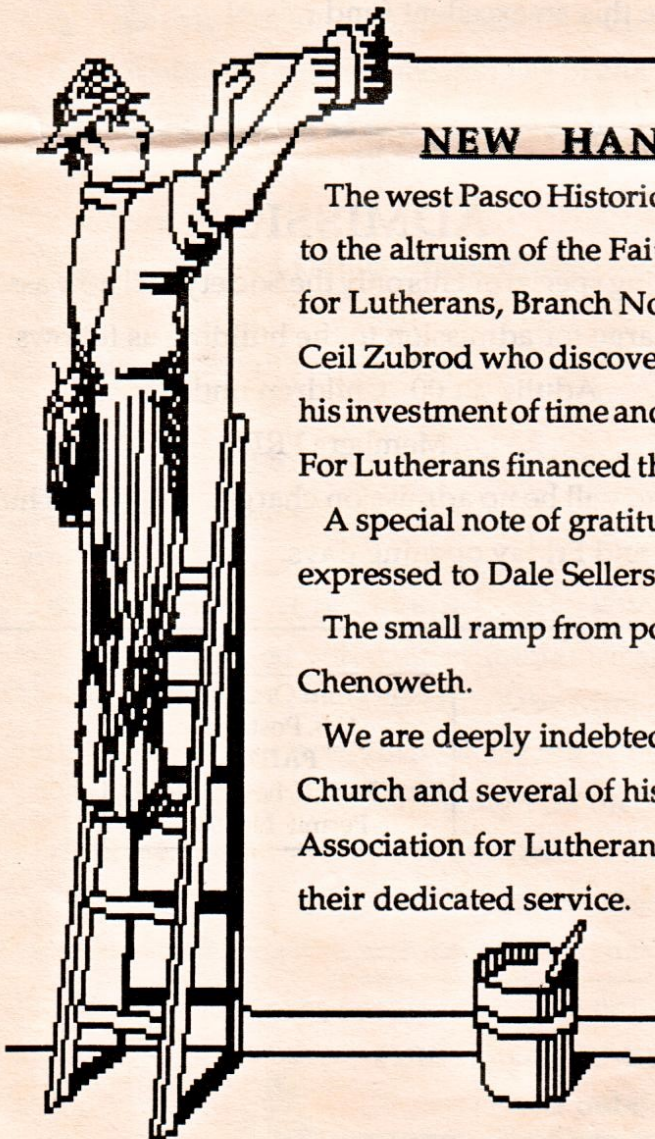
NEW HANDICAP RAMP AND WALKWAY

The west Pasco Historical Society boasts a new handicap ramp and walkway due to the altruism of the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Aid Association for Lutherans, Branch No. 4582, Mrs. Carol Springer, President. Our thanks go to Ceil Zubrod who discovered this wonderful group, and to Howard Chenoweth for his investment of time and effort in planning and coordination. The Aid Association For Lutherans financed the project and donated many hours of planning and labor.

A special note of gratitude for pouring and finishing concrete for the walkway is expressed to Dale Sellers, a member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The small ramp from porch to building was executed by Harry Hall and Howard Chenoweth.

We are deeply indebted to Pastor Roy A. Lidbom of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and several of his parishioners, to Carol Springer and members of the Aid Association for Lutherans, and also to members of our Society—to all of these for their dedicated service.



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TRASH AND TREASURE

We are fortunate recipients of much merchandise remaining from rummage sales of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church and the Cancer Society, Mr. LeRoy C. Thompson has generously allocated ample storage space for this material pending our rummage sale later at the New Port Richey Recreation Center, Watch for date and time.

BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale at the Museum on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30 in conjunction with the Antique Car Show in Sims Park. Please bring in your culinary masterpieces— cakes, pies, pastries. Let's make this an excellent fund raiser!

ADMISSION

During special events only the Society will now assess a charge for admission to the building as follows:

Adults \$1.00 Children under 16 .50

Members FREE

There will be no admission charge on regular Thursday and Friday opening days.

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