



West Pasco Historical Society, Inc.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our projects are progressing nicely. It is reassuring to have good support from the City of New Port Richey.

Thirty five members attended our Christmas Party and after a delicious pot luck (ham and turkey provided by Historical Society) we were entertained by Adele Gregos playing seasonal music on her accordian. There some great things on the horizon for us. More members should join in to make a united effort as a means to accomplishing our goals.

We can always use help at the Museum. During a recent month, twenty four hours of being open were handled by seven people working in pairs. One of them did double duty. This does not include the library, usually cared for by out librarian, Jessie Hyde and her assistants Betty Jones and Mary Leitch.

Sitting at the Museum is anything but a chore. We meet some charming and interesting people. If you can master the art of listening, a myriad of knowledge is at hand. Last week, we had as guests a pair of young boys. When they were leaving they said "you have a COOL place here."

CURATOR'S MESSAGE

Through the month of February we will be showcasing a unique display of Valentines from 1849 -- 1940. The collection belongs to Gloria and David Ruffino of Port Richey. Mrs. Ruffino has given lectures at various colleges including Pasco - Hernando. She has written magazine articles on "The History of Valentines."

Also on display during February will be memorabilia which belonged to Thomas Meighan Hollywood star and local Fame.

During March we will show a set of reproductions



Thomas Meighan

of the famous "Book Of Kells." This is a manuscript deluxe, the original is in the Trinity College Library in Dublin. This intricate and elaborate work dates back to the eighth century from Ireland. There will be other examples of medieval manuscripts and paintings displayed.

Once again, Ralph Balsam will lend his collection of antique toys for all ages to enjoy. They will be on display April and May. During this period, Kathi Balsam will lend her collection of matchbook covers.

Thanks to all who help make our world more interesting and beautiful!

ADELE GREGOS

Curator/V.P.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Eighth Annual Invitational Pasco Art Guild demonstration will take place at the Museum on Saturday, February 22th from 1 -- 4 PM. These well known artists will be answering questions as they show their various award winning techniques.

Elaine Girouard
Adele Gregos

Landscapes
Miniature painting, Icons
and Scrimshaw

Ronnie Irland
George Kamps
Claire Lazio

Portrait sketches
Personalized style
Wood plaques and large
Orientals

Marion Ore
Dorothy Palermo
Lyndon Scheeren
Kathleen Strode
Leora Turney

Miniature acrylic painting
Doll collector
Animal and Nature studies
Portrait sketches
Clay sculptures

Following the February 20 th meeting there will be a show and tell. This is always fun and educational as well. Just bring a favorite thing to tell about!

COUNTRY CORNER GIFT SHOP

If you need a little gift, come and buy our unique articles. We are having a very good year.

FRANCES HOWLAND, Mgr.

SCRAP BOOKS

As a gentle reminder, the scrap books are updated constantly and keep readers informed of our activities.

ELLEN SEAMAN,
Bookkeeper

LIBRARY

Our reference library has been busy. We are beginning to be "known" The public library refers requests about our history to us. Requests have been about Pasco County and the early indians. the Timucuan. We are making a map of "Ghost Towns" of Pasco County and also a map of early settlers and locations of early buildings.

We thank Leonard and Peggy Carr for their book on Currier & Ives.

Another important donation, especially for genealogists of Italian descent-- a book on Italy and biographies of all the immigrants who came to Ellis Island.

For our rummage sale we have many good books and magazines; e.g. antiques, Americana, Early American Homes & Connoisseurs. Good bargains.

We are looking forward to an addition to house our overcrowded library.

We have many pictures of early days and valuable maps but no place to display them.

JESSIE HYDE. Librarian
BETTY JONES, Asst Librarian
MARY LIETCH, Asst Librarian

WAYS AND MEANS

This year's Fashion Show will be held at the Spartan Manor, 6121 Massachusetts Ave: Saturday, February 8th. Luncheon will be served at noon followed by the Fashion Show at 1:00. There will be lots of door prizes. \$9.00 per donation. Please plan on attending.

Ruth Jensen of the Fashion Warehouse will present this year's fashions. ADELE GREGOS, BELVA GREEN, KAYE RUSSO, FLO REVEILLAC and CEIL ZUBROD will model. LEONARD CARR will emcee. For information call -- 849-3451 -- 376-4171 -- 842- 4767 -- 842-4020. We look forward to seeing you

On the agenda is the two day Trash and Treasure Sale set Friday and Saturday, February 28 and 29, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We will appreciate any treasures you might like to share.

THANK YOU

NORMA NELSON

MARCH	CHASCO FIESTA THROUGH THE YEARS	Jessie Hyde Norma Nelson Frances Mallett
APRIL	EARLY TIMES IN WEST PASCO	Jessie Hyde



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