

West Pasco Historical Society - Museum And Library

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"The Old School House in Sims Park"
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Few of us thought that we would see a new addition to the Society's building. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends and the liberal matching grant from the City of New Port Richey, a contract has been let. Construction will very likely be under way as you read this. VP Ralph Balsam is Chairman of the Building Extension Committee. He has been in close contact with City department heads and will continue to do so during construction. We are looking forward to a grand **Open House** early in the New Year. Y'all come.

We will be showcasing Music of Yesteryear with vintage musical instruments by courtesy of Ralph Balsam. During December and January we will exhibit the growing collection of Madonnas of the World; Antique Dolls from Dolores Lyons; the Teddy Bears on Parade from Frances Mallett. Exhibits for following months will be announced in the next Newsletter.

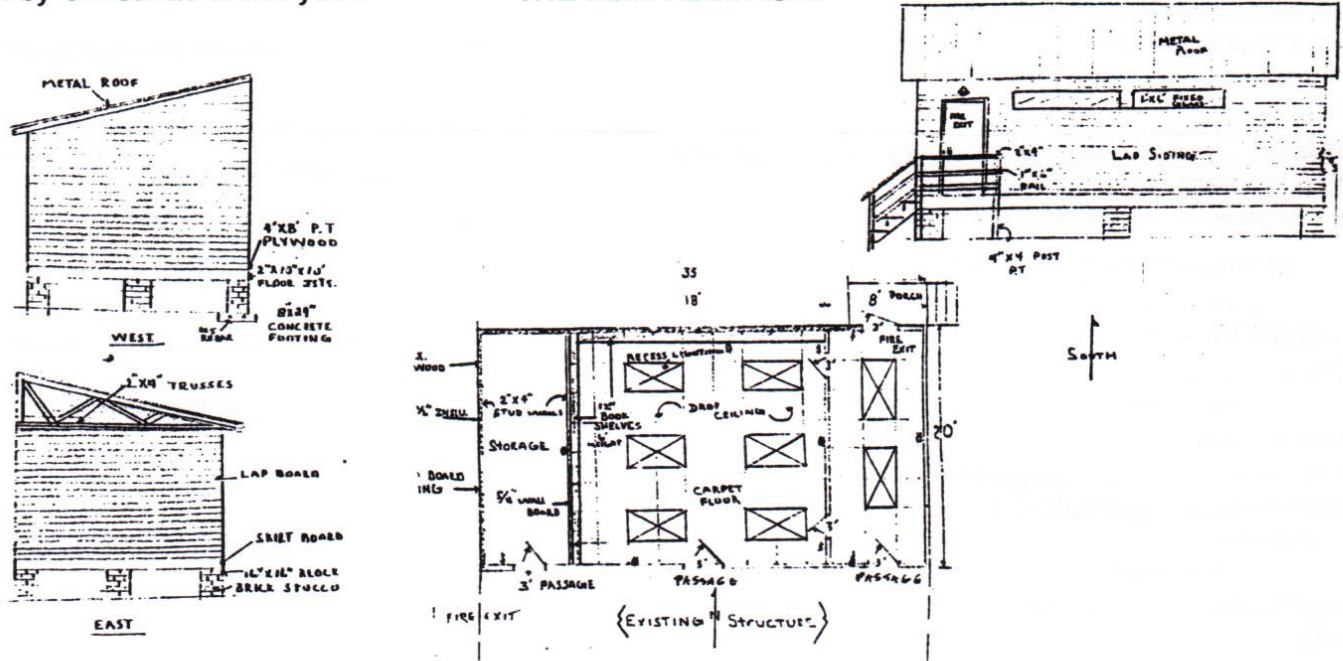
If you have an object that the public would be interested in seeing, please call me to discuss a satisfactory time.

Adele Gregos
President & Curator

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have been working closely with the city concerning our new addition. Our committee consists of Harry Hall, Walter Swartz, Andy and Adele Gregos. We hope to have the new addition open by Christmas of this year.

THE NEW ADDITION:



PROGRAM UP-DATE

- November 19:** Auction Fundraiser. Location : Museum, Time: 6:30
Auctioneer: Everyone is asked to bring something useful to auction off. Of course, everyone is welcome whether they bring something or not. This is a **Don't Miss** occasion and is sure to amuse everyone.
- December 17:** Old-Fashioned Christmas Dinner. Place - Museum. Time: 6:30
Caterer: Mr. Z's of New Port Richey.
Price: \$9.95 Check to : **West Pasco Historical Society, Inc.** Deadline: Wed. December 9th.
Dinner served on china family style. Punch and appetizers: 6:00 p.m. Program: Caroling after dinner.
Also, accordion selections. (SEE RESERVATION FORM PAGE 3)
- January 21:** David Spriggs: Will exhibit and discuss Molasses made by the Kuna Indians on the San Blas Islands off the Coast of Panama.

HIBISCUS MEMORY GARDEN

Chairman: *Frances Mallett*

Seven years ago in 1985, Frances, who was a member of the Historical Society as well as a member of the Hibiscus Society, had the thought that it might be nice to combine the two. The Historical Society had the space and the Hibiscus Society had no permanent location.

Both societies were mutually agreeable and the Hibiscus Memory Garden was started. A Memory Book was started and kept in the Museum on display and people were asked to donate \$5 for the purchase of a hibiscus plant to be planted on the Museum grounds. Many varieties were used but mainly the garden variety which will come back if there is a frost in wintertime. At present there are seventy-eight plants growing and there are several requests from others who wish to remember their loved ones in this manner. But at this time of year, Frances will not plant again until Spring (March).

Frances could always use more help with watering and planting so if gardeners are interested in helping, please call Frances at (813)849-5165.

FLORIDA PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Frances Mallett, with assistance from
Clarence (Sam) Underhill

Both Frances and Sam are native Floridians and will be working on the West Pasco and State of Florida history and presentation of it in the Gallery adjoining the new library addition. They are in the process of gathering material and working on a format to present this information by the end of January when the new addition is finished.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND INDIAN AFFAIRS

The newest of our committees is chaired by Bill Hendrickson assisted by his wife Carrie, Norma Nelson and David Spriggs.

Bill and Carrie are potters, silversmiths and amateur archaeologists. Norma, the artist who did the drawings in our meeting room, has done a great amount of research on local Indian culture. David has taught Indian crafts and lore.

The committee has been charged by our President to present ideas for design, furnishings and displays in our meeting room.

There will be a Thanksgiving Indian Festival Nov. 17 thru Nov. 22 at the Tampa Seminole Reservation Bingo Hall. For further information call Bill at 856-7619

OFFICERS

Adele Gregos, Pres.
Ralph Balsam, 1st Vice Pres.
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Frances Dee, Corr. Sec.

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Howard Chenoweth
Frances Mallett
Walter Swartz
Julia Hall

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Edie Hempel

Historian Report

Preserving historical facts of our generation for the next generation is most important.

Our West Pasco Historical Museum and Library has on exhibit scrapbooks of events of past years.

As Historian, it is my duty to prepare the 1992-1993 book to add to the collection.

Elizabeth Jones, Chairman

Jessie Hyde

Mary Leitch

THE DIG THAT WASN'T BUT WAS

It started at 3:05 p.m on Friday October 24th 1992- Headline St. Petersburg Times - Vice President Quayle to visit Sim's Park - break ground for Historical Society's new addition - Well, it didn't quite go that way - but we tried, late night telephone calls to the Vice President's Advance Team in Tampa, lots and lots of help from Patty in Congressman Bilirakis' office; she called us five times in 12 hours to keep us posted on the Vice President visit - *Thanks Patty!*

We made red, white & blue bows, bought a shovel for \$2.99 and sprayed it gold, mapped off the area, put film in our cameras and even took off the lens caps - We were ready and spirits were high.

The Vice President doesn't know what he missed - it could have been the votes that counted. So, we did it ourselves - broke ground for the new addition - see photos in the Historian's Book.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Our reference library appreciates the donation of three newspapers: New Port Richey Oct. 31, 1924

Pasco Times October 27, 1974

Clearwater Sun, September 2, 1979

They contain much information & pictures. Donated by Ted & Betty Labo.

We also received material on Seminole Indians. Donated by Bill Hendrickson.

We have had several ladies who have lived a long time in New Port Richey, visit us. They have given us much information. One came here in 1916 & now lives on Florida Street.

Do you have pictures or artifacts which you would loan to us for exhibit?

The public is beginning to realize we have valuable information in our files.

Jessie Hyde

Betty Jones

Mary Lietch

Country Corner Store :The Country Store is growing - many more attractive and useful items have been donated. Some are unique vases, stuffed toys, Chinese tea set, design candles, baskets, jewelry, Christmas decorations and many more.

The store did real well the three day week-end during the Antique Car Show. Come and shop at the Country Corner Store.

Audrey O'Neil and assistants

Virginia Tinsley & Miriam Grosse

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

1. What costs \$22.00 a year, comes in a gray wrapper and you have to travel to Washington D.C. to take advantage of its facilities?

Write _____ your _____ answer here: _____

See answer on page 8.

2. What costs \$5.00 a year, comes with no wrapper, is 20 minutes or less from your home, provides you with interesting programs every month, a gift shop for the unique at low, low prices, special events, dinner out, lots of local friends and new activities?

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See answer on page 8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Miniature Art Society has invited Andy & Adele Gregos to present "What's In The Museum" to their membership and guests. This is a slide show & commentary depicting highlights & collections. It will be on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Museum.

The Miniature Art Society of Florida cordially invites you to attend the EIGHTEENTH INTERNATIONAL MINIATURE ART SHOW at the Belleview Mido Resort Hotel Clearwater, Florida 34616 January 10-24, 1993

Two Historical Society members who will have works exhibited are Adele Gregos and Lyndon Scheeren. Adele will receive an award in VANISHING FLORIDA category.

Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner

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6:00p.m.

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HELP!!!

Committee Members Needed.

Members are needed for all of our standing committees and Special Events Projects

Helping on a Committee or Event is fun and doesn't take much time. It's a great way to make new friends and renew old friendships.

The Society, Museum & Library need your participation. We want your input, ideas and participation.

PLEASE HELP - sign up below and mail or drop off at the Museum:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Advertising | |

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TELEPHONE # _____

GREETERS:

Chairman: Florence Reveillac

Committee: Elaine Gregerson & Ceil Zubrod

We hope to cover each meeting held at the Museum on the third Thursday of every month through May. We will be meeting and greeting all those who attend to make them welcome and to introduce newcomers to other members.

Refreshments are 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 p.m and program follows.

PUBLICITY

It is the responsibility of the Publicity Department to ensure that all necessary information pertaining to the activities of the Society be distributed to the various local newspapers, radio stations and other organizations, in order to let the general public know: "Who we are and Where we are", and that they are most welcome to visit us and join in our activities, and hopefully become members.

Dorothy Nelson, Chairman

Miriam Grosse

Julie Hall

RECENT DONATIONS

Deptford stamped Indian vessel dug up by orange grove workers east of Port Richey, in April 1976. It was recovered from the Swartzel site and reconstructed. Documented by the University of South Florida. Accompanying story - from Dale Swartzel.

Oil painting of local scene by Min Schnake - from Min Schnake

Japanese tea cup and saucer collection - from Dorothy Nelson.

Coins from Persian Gulf States and other countries - from Alan Parry.

Framed original print entitled "Caring" by Lyndon Scheeren and donated by artist.

Extra size Projection Screen - from Ted Sabo

Chime clock brought from Ireland by William Heine in 1854 with his naturalization papers. It had been a family heirloom - from Ruth Dumas.

We are searching for meaningful acquisitions to be bought with money already received from the Fivay Questers; and money pledged by another donor, anonymous for the time being.

As Confucius said: "Make haste slowly."

WAYS & MEANS

AH SO - GOING, GOING GONE!

Chinese Auction scheduled by Ways & Means Committee.

Gene Sniffen, Chairperson, and Muriel Brown have announced that their committee is planning a new event this year in the form of a Chinese Auction - watch for details.

The Rummage Sale at Flea Market is on again and items are being collected. If you have items to donate please call Muriel Brown at 849-9252. Let's make this the biggest and best ever.

Dates for Auction and Flea Market - next issue.

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We hope you approve of our new format and support our advertisers who have made it possible.

We would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Please tell us at the meeting or drop a note in the NEWS BOX at the front desk along with any articles you would like to be included. We have tried in this issue to bring you up to date.

We could use additional staff members. If you would like to help out, please fill out the form on page four and mail it in or leave it in the NEWS BOX. If you want, please call

David at 848-2809.

**NEXT PUBLISHING DEADLINE
- JANUARY 14, 1993**

REMEMBER:

1. DUES ARE PAYABLE
2. CHRISTMAS DINNER RESERVATIONS
3. HELP FOR COMMITTEE
4. ATTEND THE MEETINGS

"SEE YOU AT
THE MUSEUM IN THE PARK"

VISITOR HANDOUT

The following article has been prepared in handout form, and is now being given to all who visit the Museum and Library.

It is also available for members to distribute.

Thank you, Ceil Zubrod, and Claire Lazio, Holiday artist, for a job well done.

West Pasco Historical Society Museum

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Phone: 847-0680 or 842-8361

THE BUILDING: Seven Springs School House, built in 1913.

Children had to bring their own desks to school; two examples are shown at the Museum. The Friarson family moved into the schoolhouse and used it as their home in 1925. In 1980 it was moved to Sims Park and dedicated in January of 1983. The addition of new library space is being added in 1992. Handicapped ramp available.

The founding of the Historical Society began in January, 1973. The Museum will celebrate its 10th Anniversary in 1993 with an Open House.

LIBRARY: While it does stock novels, biographies, etc., it is also used by historians checking details of early settlers, interesting facts concerning the city, and general research concerning Florida and local families.

PERMANENT COLLECTION: Quilts, Wedgewood and other fine china, glassware, antique items used in the home many years ago, art and other items from around the world. Other collections changed frequently.

NEW - THE MEETING ROOM is being changed to Indian artifacts, paintings, Indian arrowheads, pottery and blankets.

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