

West Pasco Historical Society, Inc. Museum and Library

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The President's Message

Our holiday dinner in December was a splendid event
- good company - good food.

We are looking forward to our annual luncheon and fashion show to be held on February 11 at the Spartan Manor. This is one great fund raiser and is always well attended. Come join us for a gala day and see all the latest spring fashions.

The board is planning some upcoming events which we hop will promote the Historical Society and perk an interest in our local history.

Come join us and see history come alive.

Ann Hildebrand

WANTED: TEA CUPS

We are asking for china tea cups and saucers to be donated to the museum. We will than have a tea service to use each year for our annual Mother and Daughter Tea. This year the tea will be held on May 13 . Please bring a picture of your mother and/or daughter. They will be displayed at the tea.

LIBRARY NOTES

by Elizabeth Jones

Even though it seems cold here, we really can appreciate our temperature, rather warm compared to further North. Interest in our library has remained high and many have brought in interesting historical books and articles to add to our shelves and vertical file.

We are proud to have a new bulletin board to place on the wall where we have always had to thumbtack notices. Books we had ordered but were out of print, will hopefully be received soon. Come in and enjoy all we have on the shelves. The librarians are always happy to assist any who wish material from the vertical file, which we try to keep current.

**NOW IS THE TIME
TO PICK UP YOUR
FASHION SHOW TICKETS!**

CURATOR REPORT *by Midge London Prace*

Recent donations are as follows:

1. Walter John Mallett, III donated 3 ladies kid gloves (to be put in museum), a radio, a clock (which is hanging in hall), 3 cat figurines, a Mexican pitchers, scarves, razor, pearls, Virgo chart and telephone.
2. Marion Sargent , donated a New Port Richey City Directory from 1973
3. David A. Henry , donated a aerial photo of Treasure Island and surrounding area, including city of New Port Richey, sewer plant, landings of St. Andrews, Gulf Harbors, Lindrick Utilities. Circa. 1959.
4. Russell Atkinson donated, 2 lead bullets found in the Moonlake area, now in Civil War exhibit in museum room.
5. Shari North Grey Mrs W. A. North , and John Grey donated an American Flag presented by Mr William A. North, owner founder of North Funeral Homes, to the Holiday Chamber of Commerce during their opening ceremonies. This will be added to our Flag display in hall.
6. Elizabeth Jones donated a Polaroid Sun 600 LMS camera. This camera will be displayed in the museum room with the other cameras on display.
7. Edith Hempel donated a metal milk bottle holder, it is on display in the Zane Rankin store.
8. Marguerite Marchman donated 6 wooden picture frames.
9. Mary Jo O' Sullivan donated an antique wood World globe, and 2 salt and pepper sets.

MEMBERSHIP

by Julia Hall and Edith Hempel

OH, OH....Did you forget to pay your membership dues for 2000? Please note that we are all on an annual basis January 2000 to January 2001. Now is the time to pay! Please send us your renewal as soon as possible. As a member you can be very proud of what we have in our Museum and Library. ...The past is being preserved for the future generations. We need your continued support. Thank you.

West Pasco Historical Society, Inc.

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RUMINATIONS BY GEORGE

An old man, a boy, and a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey and the old man walked.

As they went along, they passed some people who thought it was a shame for the boy to ride and the old man to walk. The man and the boy decided maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions.

Later, they passed some more people who thought it was a real shame for the old man to make such a small boy walk.. The two then decided they would both walk.

Soon, they passed more people who thought it was stupid to walk when they had a donkey to ride. The man and the boy decided maybe the critics were right, so they both rode the donkey.

They soon passed other people who thought it was a shame to put such a load on a poor little animal. The old man and the boy decided maybe the critics were right, so

they carried the donkey.

As they crossed a bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and it fell into the river and drowned.

As we here at the Museum and Library change our approach to meet current requirements and maintain a vital drive and unity, we must be certain to not to lose our grip on our stated purpose.

—*Author unknown, furnished by George Brandli*

GIFT SHOP by Mary Jane Prichard

We have a collection of portrait sketches and paintings done by our local artist and past member, the late Kathleen Strode. We would like to find the models who posed for her so they might have the pictures. Stop by the Museum and see if one of them might be you. There are also scenes for sale. (We have added paperback books and stuffed toys for your selection.

DOWN THE HALL *by Frances Mallett*

The Pasco County Millennium Committee has set aside the week of April first through ninth to celebrate 1900's week in Pasco County. The celebration will spotlight six communities in West Pasco County. They will be Aripeka, Hudson, Port Richey, New Port Richey, Elfers, and Odessa. Each community will have a day to hold an open house with historical displays of the turn of the century. They will include people, places, and artifacts. Also industries of the times, such as saw milling, fishing, turpentine harvesting, citrus, and cattle ranching.

On April 8, there will be a 1900's Fashion Show at the West Pasco Historical Society in New Port Richey, with all the communities participating.

The committee has published a Millennium Calendar featuring most of Pasco County. It is a limited edition of 2,000 copies. Pat Mulieri is chairman of the committee. For further information, please call Frances Mallett (727) 849-5165.

PASCO'S PAST *by Julie Obenreder*

The first woman to live in New Port Richey was Ollie Sass. She owned and operated the Sass Hotel located on the West side of Orange Lake. Room and board for one week cost just eight dollars. The vegetation was so thick around the lake the hotel visitors could not see the water which was just a short distance from the hotel porch.

Ollie's husband Fred owned a team of horses and a wagon. He made daily trips to Tarpon Springs to pick up freight brought in by train. The railroad had not yet been extended into Elfers as it was in later years. His income from this haulage was necessary for their livelihood. As the town had no grocery store Ollie stocked staple goods in her pantry to sell to townspeople.

There was no bridge connecting the communities of New Port Richey and Tarpon Springs and the Anclote had to be crossed. The river was quite deep in certain places making crossings difficult and with slippery, deep banks only certain areas could be used for loading or unloading cargo. A small dock was built off East Trouble Creek Road which was a big help to transportation.

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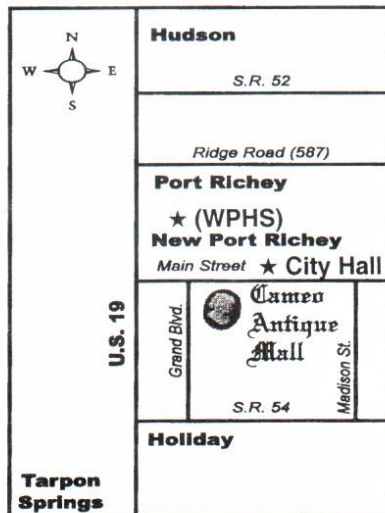
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Now Is the Time to Pick up Your Tickets

The Fashion Show arrangements are all ready
It's scheduled for Friday, February 11

To be held at the Spartan Manor
 Massachusetts Avenue, New Port Richey

Noon Luncheon:

Roasted chicken and potato, string beans,
 salad, and dessert

1:00pm: Fashion Show featuring:

Fraynes by Kathy Ellis

Todays Woman by Jeanne Kisby

Donation: \$12.00

Deadline for tickets, February 8th
 Door Prizes!! Half and Half!! A fun afternoon!!

Call Midge London Prace, 847-3129
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