



# West Pasco Historical Society, Inc. Museum and Library

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SUMMER 2000

## *The President's Message*

It is with honor and humility that I accept the opportunity to serve as your president for the coming year.

We have had a fun filled year—great programs, speakers and displays. And we even had a millennium fashion show. All of the models were dynamite in the turn of the century outfits and good time was had by all.

Also this year we were blessed with some wonderful in kind services and donations of goods and time.

A reception and installation of the officers will be held Wednesday, June 7th from 6 - 8 p.m., at the West Pasco Historical Society building. Mayor Wendy Brenner will "do the honors." Hope to see you all there!

Thank you for your support and commitment to preserving history in our area.

*Ann Hildebrand*

**PLEASE  
PAY YOUR DUES!**

## ANTIQUE TIDBITS-DOORSTOPS

*by Eleanor Schoepflin*

Once upon a time people propped open their doors with colorful, painted iron doorstops. Although introduced in England in the mid 1800's, they were not made in this country to any great extent until after the Civil War. Once called "door porters," their function was to keep doors open to provide ventilation. They have been made in many sizes and shapes both dimensional and flat backed.

While cast iron examples are the most common, brass, bronze, bronzed, wood and chalk were also used. They retained their usefulness and appeal well into the 30's and are now at a premium in the East.

During the first half of the 20th century American manufacturers such as Bradley & Hubbard and Albany Foundry made thousands of doorstops. The companies that were still operating in the 1940's turned to war production, however, and the heyday of doorstop

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## West Pasco Historical Society The 2000-2001 Schedule of Events

- September 13 .... General/ Board Meeting at 1:00 pm at museum
- September 16 .... Opening Day -Speaker Dr. Susan MacManus, co-author of "Citrus, Sawmills, Critters & Crackers"
- October 4 ..... General/ Board Meeting at 1:00 pm at museum
- October 14 ..... Founders Day and Embroiders Guild Exhibit
- November 1 ..... General/ Board Meeting at 1:00 pm at museum
- November 18 .... Speaker on Sunsets from Aripeka, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet.
- December 6 ..... General and Board Meeting at 1:00 pm at museum Exhibit of decorated Christmas Trees done by  
..... the local Quester Groups
- December TBA . Christmas Party at Magnolia Valley
- January 3 ..... General and Board Meeting at 1:00 pm
- January 17 ..... Exhibit and Program on Florida before Disney by Clara Ann Smith
- February 7 ..... General/ Board Meeting at 1:00 pm at museum, theme on US presidents
- February 9 ..... Annual Fashion Show 12:00 noon at Spartan Manor
- March 7 ..... General and Board Meeting at 1:00 pm
- Mar. 23-Apr. 1 .. Chasco Fiesta - exhibit of Chasco Memorabilia, Terry Kline will talk on Ancient Indian Mounds.
- April 4 ..... General and Board Meeting at 1:00 pm at museum
- April 14 ..... Program with Greek Children Dancers - Rosalie Hollingsworth
- May 2 ..... General/Board Meeting at 1:00 pm at museum
- May 12 ..... Mothers and Daughters Annual Tea-Speaker TBA
- June 6 ..... Installation of officers and reception



# West Pasco Historical Society, Inc.

## Officers and Directors 2000-2001

President .....	Ann Hildebrand	848-1523
Vice President .....	David Prace	847-3129
2nd Vice President .....	Norma Nelson	846-0011
Treasurer .....	George Brandli	844-7802
Secretary .....	Ginny Miller	845-0476
Corres. Secretary .....	Laura Helm	848-3899
Director .....	Julia Hall	376-4171
(2 year term, ending 2001)		
Director .....	Edith Hempel	848-4229
(2 year term, ending 2001)		
Director .....	Abby Misemer	849-5239
(2 year term, ending 2002)		
Director .....	Sandra Werner	842-7354
(2 year term, ending 2002)		
Director .....	Marc Bowman	842-7353
(2 year term, ending 2002)		
Librarian .....	Open	
Curator .....	Midge London-Prace	847-3129

## Committee Chairpersons

Docents/Publicity .....	Midge London-Prace	847-3129
Buildings & Grounds .....	Bette Farmerie	849-0242
Government Relations .....	David Spriggs	848-2809
Native American .....	Norma Nelson	846-0011
By-Laws .....	Open	
Membership:		
.....	Julia Hall	376-4171
.....	Edith Hempel	848-4229
Publications/Production .....	David Prace	847-3129
Gift Shop .....	Audrey O'Neil	845-4936
Trips & Tours .....	Joan Rees	845-8747

## Committee Chairpersons Continued

Chasco Fiesta .....	Frances Mallett	849-5165
Historian .....	Lillian Kreps	842-8714
Newsletter .....	Tom Burke	842-2254
Fund Raising .....	Open	
Special Projects .....	Clara Ann Smith	847-0404

## Library Committee

Julie Hall .....	376-4171
Mary Leitch .....	842-4767
Edith Hempel .....	848-4229
Alice Mueller .....	376-0703
Lillian Kreps .....	842-8714
Frances Dee .....	934-5402
Sally Johnson .....	849-4877
Advisor - Susan Dillinger .....	841-4547

## Curator Committee

Midge London-Prace .....	847-3129
Laura Helm .....	848-3899
Frances Mallett .....	849-5165
Norma Nelson .....	846-0011
Mary Jane Prichard .....	845-4936
Audrey O'Neil .....	849-3451
Bea Baum .....	841-4933

## Pasco County

### Preservation Board Representatives

Joy Lane .....	846-8499
Norma Nelson .....	846-0011

## MUSINGS BY GEORGE BRANDLI - (Author unknown)

The little child whispered, "God, speak to me."  
And a Meadowlark sang,  
but the child did not hear.

So, the child yelled, "God, speak to me!"  
And the thunder rolled across the sky,  
but the child did not listen.

The child looked around and said, "God, let me see you."  
And a star shone brightly,  
but the child did not notice.

And the child shouted,  
"God, show me a miracle."  
And a child was born,  
but the child did not know.

So, the child called out in despair,  
"Touch me, God, and let me know that you are here!"  
Whereupon God reached down and touched the child,

but the child brushed the Butterfly away and walked  
away unknowingly.

Don't miss out on a blessing because you are too  
busy to volunteer on days we are open, or to assist in  
cleaning or attend our functions. Don't miss out  
because something in the museum or library is not  
packaged to your specifications. We humans are a very  
diverse set of individuals.

## ... Antique Tidbits Continued

manufacturing was over.

Some of the more popular doorstops are: Aunt  
Jemima, Vase of Flowers, Flower Basket (all flat backed)  
Bulldog, Fireside Cat (full figured). Prices range from  
\$85 and up into the thousands. As in any area of antiques  
and collectibles, condition, desirability and rarity  
determine the value. At a recent auction (September '98)  
rare, signed doorstops in mint condition brought as much  
as \$3500-\$5200.



## Curator Committee News *by Midge London-Prace*

The Curator 's Committee recently met and put together a Schedule of Events for the 2000-2001 Calendar. Some of the events will be refined, and many of the programs for the next season will be updated as time goes by. Anyone who may have an idea for an interesting program please get in touch with anyone on the Curator Committee. We appreciate any suggestions you may have. Over the summer we will be cleaning and rearranging. Every one is encouraged to join us in these very important tasks.

The following donations were given to the Museum, and we extend our thanks to the donors...

1. Elizabeth Longiaru donated a china plate that is over 100 years old and was made by John Maddock and Sons, Royal Vitreous. It is on display in the Museum Room.
2. Dorothy Harnish donated a 2 cent postcard, 1920 circa. It is on the desk in the Pioneer Parlor.
3. Daughters of the American Revolution, Pithlachascotee Chapter; donated a US flag that has 38 stars.
4. Danna Klemmer donated a tea set, 2 Honduran mugs, and a Honduran carving, which is exhibited in the Meeting/Indian room.
5. Katy Casto-Hevey donated 2 lighted show cases - they are in the "Hall of History".
6. Georgia Robinson donated 1 Truecore Archival binder box, archival plastic newspaper holders and storage bags.
7. Joan Rees donated 5 signed, American Indians prints by artist Richard Wallace.
8. Frances C. Mallett donated ten bud vases.
9. Sara M. Johnson donated a womens jacket, worn by her mother which is over 100 years old. You will find it on our Vintage Clothes rack.
10. Mary Jo O' Sullivan donated a model the 1st US Navy boat "Hannah".

Our thanks go out to Elizabeth Jones and Alice Mueller for donating a folding door to the office, and to Terry Kline for installing it. Also to Audry O' Neil for the donation of a small carpet for the restroom.

We also thank Tom Burke, owner of The Printing Place, for all of his many favors given to the Society.

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### **MEMBERSHIP** *by Edie Hempel & Julia Hall*

Just one last reminder to pay your membership dues for the year 2000! Remember all dues are now collected on an annual basis effective January 2000 to January 2001. Why not pay now before your name will be deleted from our mailing list and directory. We hope by now you have responded to our reminder notice sent out on May 1. Please—we need your continued support.

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

##### ***Mario Battista***

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##### ***Wendy Brenner***

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##### ***Jim Campbell***

5930 Main Street  
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##### ***Jeanette Cleveland***

5916 Montana Avenue  
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849-4376 (I)

##### ***Judi D. Detienne***

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#### **ADDENDUM TO DIRECTORY**

##### ***Brenda Knowles***

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##### ***Nina Pappas Qualtrirs***

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##### ***Carole S. Ritter***

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##### ***Silvia Searight***

4823 Ebbtide Lane  
Port Richey, FL 34668  
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##### ***Carolyn Smith***

3548 Cantrell Street  
New Port Richey, FL 34652  
849-1113 (I)

##### ***Mayna White***

12108 Hoosier Court #201  
Bayonet Point, FL 34667  
862-9274 (I)

##### ***Kathleen & David Wolf***

7022 Jasmine Drive  
New Port Richey, FL 34652  
842-5945 (F)

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#### **CHANGE ADDRESS**

##### ***Dorothy Clark***

3354 Scorecard Drive  
New Port Richey, FL 34655

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#### **CHANGE PHONE NO.**

Ernestine Loving (727) 376-0894

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#### **DECEASED**

Lena Hazard



# Installation of Officers & Reception

June 7-6to8 PM

at the

West Pasco Historical Society  
The Old Schoolhouse  
in Sims Park

## West Pasco Historical Society

### Head Librarian Retires

It was with praise and regret that President Ann Hildebrand accepted Elizabeth Jones resignation as Head Librarian, a position she has faithfully held for nearly five years. Elizabeth has been an member of the Museum and Library for many years after moving here with her husband from Michigan. Her contributions to the Library and Museum have been many. We look forward to her participation in other aspects of the Society and will seek her knowledge and presence often. The members wish her the best and thank her for her many years of volunteer work.

### News from the Gift Shop *by Audrey O' Neil*

Thanks to all those who worked in the Gift Shop this season. Our calendars are now \$1.00 for each of the four years. We still have several paintings by Kathleen Strode and a nice assortment of ceramics made by M. J. Prichard.

### Down The Hall *by Frances Mallett*

First I would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway with our Millennium Fashion Show. We have pictures for anyone who would like copies Please come in the hall. The show cases were donated by Katy Casto-Hevey. The new arrangement is a great addition to the museum.

## West Pasco Historical Society

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