



# Newsletter

*Museum and Library*

*Fall 2004*

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## *Message from the President*

Welcome to another year with the West Pasco Historical Society! I am pleased to serve in the capacity of President, and honored by the tremendous support and assistance I have received as I learn my way. We have an exciting season planned, with many interesting events and speakers. We are also working on the creation of a video documentary that will allow us to showcase the rich history of West Pasco County. Our membership continues to grow, and our museum is thriving. It is my wish to continue the good work done by those who have served in this post prior to myself, and with your support and involvement, I am confident that our Society will continue to thrive.  
Best Wishes, Leon Flood

## **GIFT SHOP**

Audrey O'Neil

I am asking again for donations for the Gift Shop. With the holidays coming perhaps you have some items you will be replacing with new and modern ones and would be great for the store. We are in need of jewelry, which is one of our best sellers along with our books. We have a new book for sale all about the early days of Port Richey and New Port Richey, compiled and written by Adam Carozza and the book "Mustard" a chronicle of the daily life of foot soldiers in the Civil war. We still have a few ceramic plaques left of the war memorial statue in Sims Park. Don't forget, we need more

items.

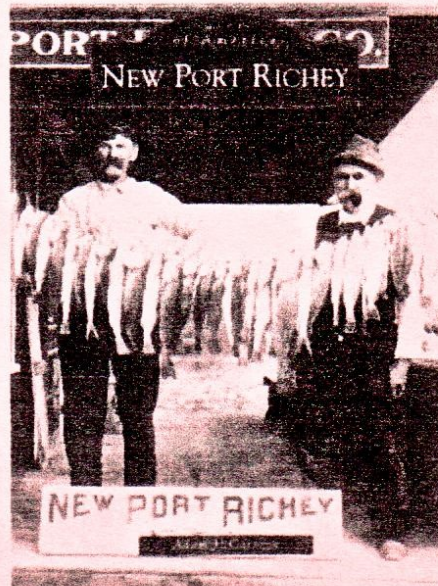
## **New book features vintage photographs of New Port Richey**

**Sept. 11, 2004** -- A newly published book in the "Images of America" series published by Arcadia Publishing shows over 200 old photographs of New Port Richey. The book is the creation of Adam J. Carozza, a member of the West Pasco Historical Society. Many of the photographs were taken from the archives of the **WPHS**. The author from local residents borrowed others. Mr. Carozza said today that the book has sold about 700 copies. It is available at the West Pasco Historical Society at a cost of \$18.

## **Newsletter Naming Contest**

As the New Year approaches, we thought it might be a nice idea to ring in 2005 by giving the **WPHS** Newsletter a name. Any member that submits the winning name chosen will

receive a free copy of the new "Images of America" featuring photos from West Pasco's past, and a mention in the next newsletter. Try to come up with a name that characterizes our area,





and/or the WPHS. (Example; The Hurricane) Hmm, wonder where the idea for that one came? Well, you get the idea. Please submit ideas to me at [bstrayer@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bstrayer@tampabay.rr.com)  
Karen Strayer

### Curators Report Midge London-Prace

There is a new exhibit in the Meeting Room. Mr. McLardy has donated a collection of early American Bottles that are labeled and very interesting. Please come by the museum to take a look.

The Society has received the following donations recently. We thank the donors for their gifts.

#1173 A Underwood typewriter donated by Mary Ann Janssen

#1174 A souvenir glass mug from Weeki Wachee, which is located in the museum's Zane Rankin Grocery, donated by Terry Kline.

#1175 A Good housekeeping magazine dated Oct. 1931, which is located on the couch in museum's Pioneer Parlor, donated by Mary Jane Prichard.

### Newspaper Obit Group News

The newspaper crew is still meeting on Tuesday mornings, 10 to 1:00 to work on the newspapers. Currently they are gleaning obituaries from the 1940's, come and join us, some of the articles make interesting reading. The laminating is continuing. *Donations are always welcome.*

### Founder's Day Program Saturday, October 23, at 1:00pm.

The Founders Day program this season will feature speaker Bob Fitzsche, auctioneer and authority on "Early American Wood Tools" He will discuss how they were made and what they were used for. He will bring some tools in his collection, and elaborate on the museum's collection. Refreshments will be served after the

presentation. Come to see and hear this interesting subject. *Museum open 11-4.*

We will also be displaying a very extensive collection of photo collages created by Therrol Smith. He has been using these collages as a "touring exhibit" at local hospitals and nursing homes. The photos cover all wars, Americana, and specific themes, ranging from Hollywood to the 1920's, etc.

Adam Carozza will be at the museum on **Founder's Day** from 1-3, for book signings, with copies of his book available for purchase, as well. He will not, to my knowledge, be speaking, though he may do so "spur of the moment" if he wishes.

Once again the *West Pasco Quilter's Guild* will be displaying and working on their beautiful Quilts, this year they will be located in the Gazebo.

We have the opportunity to sell tickets and attend the "Private Shopping" Holiday sale at Burdines/Macy's Charity Event. They will open early at 8:00 for a special sale only for ticket holders. The tickets cost \$5.00, which goes directly to the Society. There will be an extra 20% off purchases, Door prizes every half hour, free basic gift-wrap, a free gift to the 1st 100 customers, and refreshments. At noon a \$100.00 Burdines/Macy's gift card will be given. Support your Society and do your Christmas shopping.

### Membership

As of this report we have 28 new members since the beginning of the year. Traditionally, our Society would grow by no more than 20 new members in the entire year so you can see that we are in a growing phase and we still have three more months til the end of the year. We expect the new Marketing Committee will produce an abundance of new working members



## WHAT'S GOING ON?



### WPHS Calendar of Events

September 2004 thru May 2005

#### October 2004 Program

**Founder's Day. Saturday, October 23.** 1-4pm.

Speaker Bob Fritzsche, "Auctioneer", will speak on Early American wood tools  
Adam Carozza book signing 1-3pm.

**Saturday, October 30.** Fund Raiser

#### November 2004 Program

**Saturday, November 20.** 1:00 to 4:00

David Prace will speak on the history of telephones " From Bell to Cel"

#### December 2004 Program

**December 7. 1:30pm.** Gingerbread Church Demonstration. Jean Hick. 4H Club.

**December 8.** December Annual Members Christmas Party Wednesday- 6:30pm  
King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4820 Floramar Terr.

Christmas dinner, a holiday pass a plate to accompany the holiday turkey

**Saturday, Dec. 11th** Wassail Bowl Party  
Evening at Museum, 5:30pm

**Christmas Street Parade, 7:00pm**

#### January 2005 Program

**Saturday January 17.** TBA

#### February 2005 Program

**Friday, February 11.** Fashion show, held at Spartan Manor 12:00pm

#### March 2005 programs

**March 3- March 13th** Chasco Fiesta Celebration

Exhibit of Chasco Memorabilia from the first Chasco Fiesta in 1922

**March 4-6th, 11-13th** Fri, Sat. & Sun.

We hope to have the 79th N.Y. Volunteer "Cameron Highlanders" a Civil War re-enactment group

#### April 2005 Programs

**April 9 Saturday.** 1:00pm program TBA

#### May 2005 Program

**May 7.**

*Mothers and Daughters Tea* Saturday. 2pm to

4:00 Reservations, cost \$2.50

Speaker to be announced

#### Cookbook Recipe Requests

The WPHS is in the process of compiling recipes for a fundraising cookbook. It will be a wonderful collection of food and memories that originate from the local kitchens of our past and present families. Members are encouraged to send in their favorite family recipe, along with any antidotes, that celebrates the local flavor. This will be an investment in memories we can pass on to our future West Pasco generations to come, and help our Historical Society at the same time.

Send recipes to: [bstrayer@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bstrayer@tampabay.rr.com)

#### Attention all Hands

We know there must be some talented gardening hands out there. The WPHS needs some of your gardening expertise to help make the property attractive. If you can volunteer your time to garden, you will give our property everlasting life. If spare time is non-existent, plant donations will also be appreciated. Speak with Terry Kline. 847-0680



## Autumn Flavors



"Pecan" is a Native American word of Algonquin origin that was used to describe "all nuts requiring a stone to crack."

Because wild pecans were readily available, many Native American tribes in the U.S. and Mexico used the wild pecan as a major food source during autumn. It is speculated that pecans were used to produce a fermented invigorating imbibe called "Powcohicora" (where the word "hickory" comes from). It also is said that Native Americans first cultivated the pecan tree in the 1500's.

So, keep a keen eye on the pecan trees in your area, as you will be in fierce competition with the local squirrels. (Aisle 1 at the grocery can also be quite challenging at times too.)

***Happy Holidays from the  
WPHS***

## Spiced Pecans

This makes a great gift for the Holidays

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 2 Tablespoons | Butter or Margarine |
| ¼ Cup         | Brown Sugar         |
| 2 Tablespoons | Coffee              |
| ½ Teaspoon    | Ground Cinnamon     |
| ¼ Teaspoon    | Ground Red Pepper   |
| 2 Cups        | Pecan Halves        |

Preheat oven to 325° F

Melt the butter in a large pan over medium heat. Take care not to burn. Add the remainder ingredients except the pecans. Stir until mixed well.

Add Pecans, and stir until all are coated.

Remove pan from heat.

Spread on lightly buttered cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes, stirring mixture every 5 minutes.



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