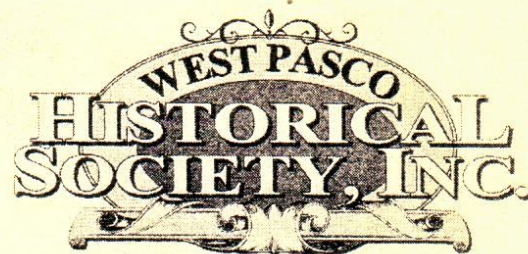


NEWSLETTER

Museum and Library

2nd Quarter 2004



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm so happy to report that the new roof is in place and looks great! And if that isn't enough we have received the \$7,500.00 matching grant from the City of New Port Richey. My thanks goes to our members who made it all possible. Because of your response to the "roof raising drive" and your participation in many of the other fund raisers this past year we made it!

Dave and I have been working with the Cares organization helping them with their "Living History" series. In January for their 30th anniversary they presented personal interviews with citizens in Pasco County. One was Frances Mallett who spoke about her pioneer family. We will be receiving video tapes of these interviews for our museum. The next series will be interviews of people with the focus on Pasco industries. This is a great way to preserve our local history.

On April 13th the Society has been asked to participate in a History Symposium at PHCC. Jeff Miller and I will represent the West Pasco Historical Society. We will have a presentation that will tell about who we are and what we do in our community. It will be held at the Performing Arts auditorium, starting at 7:00pm. Hope you can attend. Jeff has moved and made some changes and additions to our website, please check it out at: www.rootsworld.com/~flwphs

I want to thank all of you who have been so supportive of the activities that our officers and members have presented to the community. We couldn't have done it without you. Hope to see you at our activities and have a great Summer.

Regards, *Midge*



Thank you's are due to the following members; Ginny Miller, Dave Prace, Terry Kline, and the crew from Southern Pride for cleaning up the yard of limbs, nuts, leaves and trash. We looked good for Chasco.

FASHION SHOW

by Jeanne Kisby

Another Fashion Show is under our belts, and what a surprise this one turned out to be. We sold over 160 tickets, the best ever. With the support from our members, friends and Red Hatters we were able to full 17 tables this year. David and Midge were our emcee's. Audrey O'Neil, Mary R. Jones, with her daughter sold plenty of 50/50 and silent auction tickets, while Norma Nelson and Elsie Coy greeted guests at the welcome table. We had a wonderful collection of clothes from Beall's, with all our fabulous models, men (some scantily dressed) and women, looking great. Without your support we would not have been able to pull it off. Everyone involved helped to make it the best. Hat's off to all of you. Just in case you didn't hear the amount it was \$1000.



Black History Month Speaker was Dynamic!

Through the auspices of our member Judge Debra Roberts, we were fortunate to have speaker Camesha Wittaker Manzueta from Bethune-Cookman College. She came from Daytona to tell us the amazing story of the college's founder Mary McLeod Bethune. She had a dream and turned it into a way of living. Because of her philosophies on life, she was as a role model, thus teaching the students how to make a difference in their society. We were spellbound, it was a memorable program.



FROM THE GIFT SHOP

by Audrey O'Neil

Thank you, to every one who brought items to sell in the Gift Shop. We had a variety of articles ready for sale during the Chasco Fiesta. A full shelf of fancy glassware, ceramics, china pieces, an assortment of jewelry and much more. So we are hoping people who come into the Museum will buy something in our corner store.

INKWELLS; Most experts seem to link ink bottles, inkwells and inkstands into one category but I, personally, am of the opinion that the sophisticated purist collector considers these three separate collectibles. Edwin G. Warman, in his 1972 11th edition price guide states "inkwells have been in use since man first used fluids for writing." Recently, a small village, buried for over 2000 years was discovered to have been occupied by a group of holy men known as "Essenes". The group is believed to be responsible for writing some of the "Dead Sea Scrolls". Upon excavating a building, an inkwell showing evidence of dried ink was found among the ruins." while Schroeders Antiques Price Guide dated 1989 has this to say - "ink, the fluid form as we know it today, was not developed until 1836. The inkwell was a natural follow-up. They were made in many materials - glass the most common as it was non-porous and stain resistant. Pewter, silver, brass and even gold was used depending on the station and financial status of the owner."

During the Victorian era, inkwells became more elaborate and are the ones most sought after during the last four decades or so. They include single or double brass deskstands, hand painted china or porcelain, Rookwood, Staffordshire and Tiffany with prices ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. However, to bring the subject closer to the present, in April 1997, Kovel shows a printout of many colored ink bottle sold at auction - all in various shapes, including cones, umbrellas, turtles, log cabins and octagonal. A decorated Midwestern 24-ribbed molded swirl with three chickens applied to the top brought \$16,500 and Harrison's Columbian Master Ink medium blue, 12 sided, a whopping \$23,500 (ca 1850) By the same token an embossed Harrison's Columbian with label (ca 1840-1850) from Whitney Bros. Glassworks, N.Y. sold for a mere \$1,100. Go figure!



DAY FIELD TRIP TO HERITAGE VILLAGE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd

Come and tour Heritage Villages' many building and grounds, located in Largo. We'll meet at 9:30 at the museum and car pool. A tour guide is provided if we have 12 or more attending. You may bring a brown bag lunch or eat at their restaurant. **Please contact Elsie Coy** at 815-0046, as soon as possible because we must book this event quickly.

PIONEER COLLEGE—THE EARLY DAYS OF SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

A program to feature Central Pasco history on Saturday, April 10th, at 1:00 will be presented at the Museum by Eddie Herrmann. It is about the early years of what is now Saint Leo University (1881 thru 1948). This is about our Pasco County history and how we've grown.



MOTHERS DAY TEA

May 8th will be our sixth annual Mother/Daughter tea which is held at the museum. Reservations are required and limited to 40. Donation will be \$3.00. This year our speaker will be Michelle Anderson from the Salvation Army Domestic Program. She will present "The history of the Battered Women's Division." The tea starts at 1:00pm. For reservations call Midge at 847-3129 or Elsie at 815-0046.



CHASCO FIESTA 2004

The first weekend of this years Chasco was amazing. We worked Tuesday morning putting together our exhibit of Chasco memorabilia, thanks to Elsie, Terry, Dannee, and Midge. We were finishing up Wednesday morning when two of the visiting American Indians came to the museum and were given a tour. They liked what they saw and spent time with us. Mario is from North Carolina, a member of the Indian community there. He is an air brush artist and graciously made us a Chasco banner, a "sign in here" hand for the hall, and a museum sign to be put out side to draw people to the museum. Terry helped Mario with a few matters as a thank you. The first weekend especially Sunday we had record visitors and perfect weather. You may have noticed our wonderful coverage in the press, this was due our director Wendy Brenner. Thank you



LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR

Once again we are asking for an editor for our newsletter. There are quarterly editions published. The information is gleaned from chairpersons and officers and column writers. After six years of publishing the newsletter Midge and David Prace will be retiring. Please consider serving your society in this meaningful way.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2004 Program

Saturday, April 10 at 1:00pm Speaker Eddie Hermann, from Dade City. He will speak about our "Pioneer College," the story of Saint Leo University

Day Field trip

Thursday April 22 Tour Heritage Village, located in Largo. We'll meet at the museum at 9:30 and carpool. Contact Elsie Coy at 815-0046

May 2004 Program

Mothers and Daughters Tea Saturday, May 8th 2pm to 4:00 Reservations \$3.00. Michelle Anderson, from the Salvation Army, will speak on the "History of the Battered Women's Division" Come and enjoy the fellowship.

June 2004 Program

Wednesday June 16th, Installation of Officers and reception to be held at the museum at 7:00pm.



INSTALLATION AND RECEPTION

Your new officers will be installed on Wednesday the 16th of June at the Museum. We will have a program starting at 7:00pm to install the new officers for 2004-2005. Afterwards there will be a reception for members to show their support and to wish our members a good Summer. Please mark your calendars and attend.



NEWSPAPER LAMINATING PROJECT

Money for laminating the old papers needed. We are finishing the late 30's and hope to start the 40's. Some of the papers are becoming very fragile. This is history when it was made and a time capsule of another era we shouldn't lose. Please consider helping us out.

IMPERFECTIONS

contributed by Terry Kline

A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck.

One pot had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be a bitter *failure*, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream... "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them.



MEMBERSHIP

This year's membership renewal program has been moving along at a rapid pace. There are still a handful of people that have not yet paid their dues. We need your support to help us wrap up this campaign so, please pay your dues. As a reminder, if you had not paid your dues your label is marked with an orange dot. Since the beginning of the year we have enrolled 15 new members.



6431 Circle Boulevard
New Port Richey, FL 34652

A Very Special Garden

"For Whatsoever Ye Sow, So Shall Ye Reap"

Plant 4 rows of peas (P's):

Prayer
Promptness
Patience
Preparation

Plant 4 rows of squash:

Squash gossip.
Squash indifference.
Squash criticism.
Squash negative thinking.

Plant 4 rows of turnips (turn ups):

Turn up for community service.
Turn up whenever needed.
Turn up with friendly smiles.
Turn up with determination to be a better person.

Cultivate well. Keep saturated with love and reap a harvest of peace and happiness. Good luck in your garden this year!



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Visit our new website location at:
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CHANGE INFO

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Change status to Life member

Butch & Pat Mallett
Change status to Life member

DECEASED Bea Boisselle

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