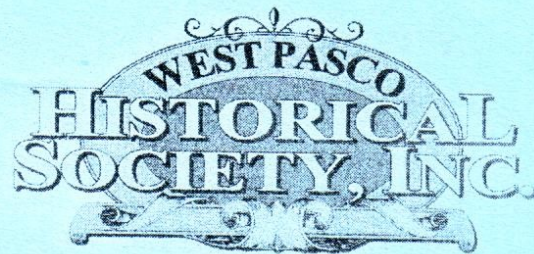


NEWSLETTER

Museum and Library

3rd Quarter 2004



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow members,

It is truly my pleasure to be working with such a fine organization. I am honored you have chosen me as President and look forward to working with each of you. Many of you I have met, and I am excited to meet everyone

else. Please feel free to contact me at any time with your suggestions, ideas and, yes, even criticisms. Working together, we will continue the wonderful mission of our society.

Thank you for this exciting opportunity!

Leon Flood, President



ANTIQU TIDBITS

by Eleanor Schoepflin

SILHOUETTES; Silhouettes, the most basic of folk arts and also the most formal of portraits, are as personal as thumb prints and have their own aesthetic interest. Until the French gave them the word, Americans were content to call the contrasting outline cutouts "shade" - but the Frenchmen, severely taxed in 1759 by the hated King Louis XV's Minister of Finance, Etienne de Silhouette, saw themselves as mere shadows of their former selves and began to call the cutouts "silhouettes." The shadow profiles were produced by cutting mechanical tracing or painting. As originally applied, the term was synonymous with cheapness, or anything reduced to its simplest state. These substitutes for the more expensive oil painting or miniatures were popular from 1770 until 1850 when daguerreotype images replaced the vogue. They may be either hollow cut with the head cut away,

leaving the white paper frame for mounting against a dark background or the profile itself might be cut from black paper and pasted on a white background. In America, the Peale family was one of the leading silhouette makers. An impressed stamp marked "Peale" or "Peale Museum" identified their work. Many silhouettes depict famous persons, are signed by the artist and beautifully framed. Frames run the gamut from ogee, to giltwood, to pressed brass. Often entire families (including the family dog) posed between a bright light and a sheet of white drawing paper. The resulting shadow was then traced and cut out, the paper mounted over a contrasting color and framed. Sizes range from miniatures (4"x5") to 12"x14" and priced from \$100 to thousands depending upon whether or not the piece is signed by the subject and/or the artist, their degree of fame, degree of detail, condition and availability of other works by the artist. Full length and family group profiles are particularly valuable. Today's bargains are art deco and modern silhouettes. These are the collectibles of today but the antiques of tomorrow and run anywhere from a few dollars to \$100 - a collectible worth considering.



JUNE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Leon Flood was installed as our new president of the Society at the museum. One of our own members, Judge Debra Roberts was the installing officer. We wish Leon a smooth and enjoyable term with the help and cooperation of the members and officers. Audrey O'Neill revealed the person who her committee had chosen to receive the Honorary Member award. It was Elsie Coy who has been an exceptional member. Her programs during the last season were exceptional and that was only one of her contributions to the society. A reception for the new officers followed.

NEW EDITOR

A new editor will be publishing our newsletter starting the new season in the 4th quarter. Her name is Karen Strayer. President Leon introduced Karen at the July Board meeting and she spoke about looking forward to working with the society. She comes with previous publishing experience and has lots of fresh new ideas. We're excited to have her. Those who normally contribute articles please send them to her in August for the Fall edition. We hope you'll try to help her anyway you can. Dave and I want to thank the members for all you have done to help us over the past years that we've been publishing the Society's newsletter. Please do the same for Karen. Her address is 9036 Calle Alta Court, New Port Richey, FL 34655 e-mail: bstrayer@tampabay.rr.com



BUILDING AND GROUNDS by Terry Kline

There are several small jobs that need to be done over this Summer. I am looking for folks who would help me to accomplish them before the opening in September. Please call me if you can give the museum some time. Thank you. 846-0157



MEMBERSHIP by David Prace

As of this writing our membership consists of 247 listings 26 of whom are new members. This is a terrific growth rate. A subcommittee being formed by Clara Ann Smith will pursue Life membership from various business leaders in West Pasco.



GIFT SHOP NEWS by Audrey O'Neil

The Gift Shop did very well in May. Our artist Mary Jane Prichard donated the sale of her Memorial plaques. Also, the Gift Shop in the Community Hospital donated leftover stuffed toys and jewelry to us to sell. We will be closed for the summer but their items will give us a fresh start for our September opening.

SEPTEMBER SEASON OPENER

Two local authors will speak at the Society Opening Saturday, September 11, at 1:00 pm. They will review their newly published books.

Adam Carozza will review his "Image of American" series book, "New Port Richey."

Jeanne P. Fahey will review "Mustered" a civil war book from dairies of the 12th N.H.

A book signing will follow.



MUSEUM HAND OUTS

David Prace has put together a handout that tells about The West Pasco Historical Society. Our thanks go to "The Printing Place" owned by members Tom and Angie Burke who donated the printing of them. We have placed them for the public to take; at the libraries, the Chamber of Commerce, also at the Mall, the Government Center and various businesses. If you know a place where we could put them, please let us know. Call 847-3129.

LIBRARY NEWS by Head Librarian Bea Baum

We recently had a donation of 26 books which included some history and Civil War subjects. The books that subjects did not meet our needs were given to Elsie Coy for her residence's library. We still are collecting recipes for our cook book project in partnership with the New Port Richey Library. Please send me your favorite recipes. I have several pieces of fabric to wash and have run down a supply of Deli Care.



OBIT COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have another new member, Tiffany Ma. She is entering the information into our computer database which will be added to our website. We are recording the obituaries from our local weekly papers dating from 1916 til the 1980's. Although we don't have consecutive dates, this is a huge challenge. A recent donation of two flat files will be home for these papers as they are laminated. They have been on our

wish list for 4 years ! Anyone interested in joining our group, headed by Dannee Brooks, please call 847-3129 or come to the museum on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am till 1:00.



CURATOR REPORT by Midge London-Prace

Thank you for the following donations received from Jan. 23rd to July 13th:

- #1136- Book entitled, "Rebel Military Prisons" donor unknown
- #1137- 10 aprons, 2 CD's Key Biscayne Cowboy, Bogie and Bacall from Frances Mallett
- #1138-2 Photos of Zane Rankins store and Zane in his store from Ann Cotton, granddaughter
- #1139- Photo of Our lady Queen of Peace from Jackie Owen
- #1140- Cup made by Zane Rankin's wife with drawing of their store from Ann Cotton
- #1141- Brothers Fax machine from George and Georgia Robinson
- #1142- 2 books, "A History of Florida" and "The Historic Places of Florida"
- #1143- Elfers Elementary School Program, will and diploma of James Baillie from Jane Baillie
- #1144- Photo album of 1999 Chasco pictures, from Coffie Gushea
- #1145- Crucifix/cross from the original Our Lady Queen of Peace Church from Randall Zacherl
- #1146- Newspaper and Time magazines from Florence Reveillac
- #1147- Old pickle fork, from Merle Freitag
- #1148- Civil War book titled, "Mustered" signed by author from Midge and David Prace
- #1149- Newspapers, circa 1914-1960 from Paul F. Black
- #1150- 8 local photos, circa 1968
- #1151- 53- soap saver, books, "Cultural Diversity" and "Florida Archaeology" from Terry Kline
- #1154- Book, "Tales of Old Florida" from Martha Williams
- #1155- Framed map of Hernando County from Walter Casson
- #1156- 4 demitass cups and saucers, chocolate china set and 8 hand made doillies from Alma Scheuer
- #1157- Argus Slide Projector and a Radiant Screen, from Mary and Quimby Heotzler
- #1158- Bucksaw, square, pipecutter, blowtorch,

school belt from Richard Jennings

- #1159- Oral history videos of 7 Pasco pioneer families by Cares and Schwettmen School
- #1160- Portable phone set for front desk from Midge and David Prace
- #1161- Fruit jar price guide, 1973 from Clara Ann Smith
- #1162- Large silver coffee urn, in memory of Sue Baillie, from Cypress Hammock Questers
- #1163- Reprint of 1954 postcard of Grand Boulevard South from Jeff Miller
- #1164- Material on McNeal Homestead dedication in Starkey Park from Dr. Burt Golub
- #1165-7- 9 bottles and label , 8 NPR postcards, 5 WWII V-mail envelope from Lynn McLarty
- #1168- Eastlake platform rocker from Shirley and Ray Glowski
- #1169- Army shell trunk, Xyron lamination, large crotch throw, from Joan Rees
- #1170- Book entitled, "Mrs Beeton's All About Cookery" from Terry Kline
- #1171- 2 flat file cabinets from John J. Ketelas
- #1172- 4 pictures of Native Americans and 6 pencils advertising local companies from Joan Rees



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