



The Village Post

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The Heritage Village Museum Newsletter - compliments of the Pinellas County Historical Society

Cruising into Coastal History with the Clearwater Yacht Club and the Pinellas County Historical Society

On Saturday, November 12, the Clearwater Yacht Club's (CYC) waterfront patio and tiki bar were abuzz with activity as the club and the Pinellas County Historical Society (PCHS) teamed up to celebrate 100 years of club and county history with a seafood festival and silent auction to benefit Heritage Village. The Village is seeking funds to construct a building patterned after the boat shops in which area boat builders practiced their craft in days gone by. This building will house vintage boats and other materials related to the county's rich coastal history.

The event was chaired by Margaret McMullen Michaels and Sandy Bozeman who steered a hard working crew from CYC and PCHS including: historical society President RoseMarie Kafer, CYC Commodore Sandie Ramsden, Kathy Bell, David Billing, Cathy Blackburn, Tom Brusini, Gene Fleming, Kathy Milam, Betty Guy Rolfe and Toni Walker. Food for the event was donated by Clear Sky Café, Clearwater Yacht Club, Carlouel Yacht Club, and Sheraton Sand Key with music by David Lyon. Silent auction items were donated by numerous generous donors including boat builder and artist Charley Morgan. While highly successful, the "Cruising into Coastal History" event was just the beginning of the ongoing effort to provide funds for a building and exhibit that will preserve and display the world famous coastal history of our county.

To find out how you can help Heritage Village meet its goal (with funds or sweat equity) and cruise with us into coastal history, contact the Pinellas County Historical Society office at Heritage Village – 727 582-2233.



Event Chairs Sandy Bozeman and Margaret Michaels in front of the Clark Mills snipe, "Honey". Photo by Amanda Fleming

Cruising into Coastal History PATRONS

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Cruising into Coastal History IN KIND DONORS

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PCHS President RoseMarie Kafer and CYC Commodore Sandie Ramsden. Photo by Amanda Fleming

Museum News



Heritage Village's 28 structures are scattered throughout 21 acres of fire dependent natural areas. These surrounding natural areas are primarily saw palmetto mixed with tall pine trees and oak trees. This spring the saw palmettos (some of which are up to 6 feet in height) will be thinned

and mulched to reduce the potential of a catastrophic wildfire. However, they will grow back very quickly.

This project will reduce the vegetative understory and vines that have taken over the natural areas at Heritage Village and will help to protect the historic structures. The natural areas will initially look unpleasant to some but will quickly "green up" and be more aesthetically pleasing.

*Ellen Babb,
Museum Operations Manager*



The Pinellas County Historical Society Welcomes These New Members

Ms. Alyce Aldridge
Pam Burrows
Debra Ann Butler
Cynthia Caldwell
Douglas Crawford
Pamela Crane
Lester & Judy Dailey
Rachel Hoogenbos
Robert A. Roberts Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Samay
Gerry Wise

Boat House Groundbreaking Spring 2012!



News & Notes from the Pinellas County Historical Society

The Fall Jubilee was fantastic, the result of great teamwork. Over 120 craft vendors, seven folk and bluegrass bands, an enormous flea market, and model train and Morse Code demonstrations delighted a record crowd of more than 6600. I tip my hat to all of you. And, to the PCHS members that came to our aid, financially and with personal support.

Jim Schnur has been a hit with his "Pinellas by the Decades: A Centennial Celebration" program. The lecture series resumes in January and will continue through August 2012.

Our partnership with the Clearwater Yacht Club has been extremely successful. We will continue this endeavor, and a boat house will soon be built in the Village.

Our Magnolia Luncheon will be held on April 10, 2012, in the Pinellas Room at Heritage Village. Since this is our Centennial, we are going to go back in time and have a 'Victorian High Tea,' costumes and hats welcomed.

The Conservation Committee, in memory of Mona Rohrbough, held an essay contest for our Junior Docents. Students wrote about "What Heritage Village Means to Me." Ryleigh Long and Hala Daou both received Kindles for their efforts. Kudos to all these bright students.

We have a new membership level; Junior Docents can now choose to be members of PCHS for dues of \$10.00.

A final note, the Hospitality Committee has been without a Chair for several months. Call me and I will fill you in on the duties of this position. PCHS needs you!

*RoseMarie Kafer, President
Pinellas County Historical Society*



Members, watch your mail!

Pinellas County Historical Society Potluck Dinner

Friday, February 17, 6 p.m., in the Pinellas Room

Gene Fleming, member and past commodore of the Clearwater Yacht Club, will tell us about the importance of boating and boat building in Pinellas County long before we became a county. He will also discuss the history of the Optimist Pram and the Clark Mills-built wooden prototype of the Sun Cat sailboat, both currently in the Heritage Village collection.

Friday, May 18, 6 p.m., in the Pinellas Room

Meet our new campus neighbor and partner, Jim Simons, President of the "Florida Gulf Coast Center For Fishing & Interactive Museum." Jim will fill us in on the importance of "Teaching Children About Life Through Fishing" in his Center For Fishing. Jim will also share the vision for his new facility within Pinewood Cultural Park. This is an exciting time for all of us.

Green Bench Supporters

help preserve Pinellas County's Historical Home

Green benches dot the landscape at Heritage Village, providing a place to rest while strolling the winding paths among the historic buildings; to enjoy performances at stages during festivals; and to contemplate in this special environment.

Celebrate a milestone event or honor a loved one by becoming a Green Bench Supporter. A commemorative plaque on a bench plus a prominently displayed recognition sign will be a visual expression of your commitment to preserving our past for future generations. Take a seat at Heritage Village and mark your place in history with your Green Bench contribution to help support the ongoing restoration and interpretation of our historic structures. Call (727) 582-2127 for more information.



Thank you to those who have marked their place in history with a Green Bench contribution.

In Appreciation of 25 Years of Docent Service Beth Kaiser

Supporter - Mary E. Kaiser Trust

PCHS SUPPORTERS

Many special events and exhibits are held throughout the year and each feature unique opportunities for you or your business to become involved as a sponsor.

The Pinellas County Historical Society is now seeking sponsors for:

Event

- Pinellas Folk Festival**
A Centennial Celebration
(January 28, 2012)



- Heritage Village Fall Jubilee**
A Centennial Celebration
(October 27, 2012)



Exhibits

- Period Boat Shop
- "Soaking up History Exhibit" for Sponge Warehouse

Please call the Society at **582-2233** for further information

Help Build the



One Book at a Time

The Heritage Village Archives & Library provides answers to numerous research requests each month. To keep up with the demand for information, the Pinellas County Historical Society developed a program to help supplement this 3,500-volume library. You can help the Heritage Village Archives & Library continue to grow by making a minimum contribution of \$50 for a book to be purchased in memory or in honor of someone special to you or to celebrate a milestone event. Recognition of your gift will appear on a nameplate inside the book and will be noted in a leather-bound book displayed in the Archives & Library. For more information, please call (727) 582-2233.

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Pinellas County Historical Society P.O. Box 4862, Seminole, FL 33775



Be sure to visit Heritage Village's affiliate museums!



The Gulf Beaches Historical Museum

115-10th Avenue
St. Pete Beach
FL 33706
(727) 552-1610



North Pinellas Historical Museum

2043 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
(727) 724-3054



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Heritage Village is a collection of 28 historic structures and features moved here to create a 21-acre living history museum. Explore the history of the Pinellas Peninsula as you wander the winding paths through the native pine and palmetto landscape.

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Heritage Village

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11909 125th Street North, Largo, FL 33774 • (727) 582-2123

Hours: Wednesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. • Sunday 1 p.m.–4 p.m. • Closed Monday, Tuesday and County holidays.

Visit our website for further details! www.pinellascounty.org/heritage

schedule of activities subject to change

See It–Do It–Share It

Festivals & Events



Frank Thomas, Father of Florida Folk Music

Pinellas Folk Festival A Centennial Celebration*

January 28, 2012 - 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$5.00 suggested donation

National Quilting Day

March 17, 2012 – 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Antique Appraisal Fair*

June 16, 2012 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Heritage Village Fall Jubilee A Centennial Celebration*

October 27 2012 – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

* Sponsored by The Pinellas County Historical Society

Heritage Village
& Archives
& Library
Largo, Florida

For more information or to make
an appointment, please call **582-2127**.

Education

For Teachers

www.pinellascounty.org/heritage/for_teachers.htm

- Pop into History – “Enter-Action” History Fun!
- School For A Day
- Heritage Village History Kits



Historical Writing Workshops

Award-winning author Angela T. Pisaturo will return to Heritage Village to host workshops on: **Jan. 13, Mar. 2, May 4, July 6, and Sept. 7, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Each three hour workshop will be unique and cover aspects of writing historical novels, from research to setting the scene, and more. Each workshop will cost \$15.00 with extensive handouts provided. (PCHS Members \$13.00). Advance registration is recommended. Call (727) **582-2233** for further information or to register.

Getting Started in Genealogy

Who do you think you are? If you would like to find out more about your family history, come join us on **Friday, February 3, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the Pinellas Room at Heritage Village. Bob Bryan of the Pinellas Genealogy Society is presenting a class to show you what you need to do to find who your ancestors were, where they lived, what they did, and what their life was like. Handouts will be provided, \$7.00 per person (PCHS Members \$5.00). Advance registration is recommended. Call (727) **582-2233** for further information or to register.

Heritage Village Vegetable Gardening Workshop

Experienced and “want to be” gardeners are invited to attend a three hour workshop on **February 11, 2012, from 10 a.m. until noon.** The class will take place in the Pinellas Room and the 1890’s garden at Heritage Village, and will feature “**Planting and Growing Tips**” and “**Garden Pests and How to Prevent Them.**” Advance registration is required. Cost per class is \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 for two people in a family. Call (727) **582-2233** for further information or to register.

Pinellas by the Decades: A Centennial Celebration

Speaking of History Lecture Series • Sundays at 2 p.m.

On January 1, 2012 Pinellas County celebrates 100 years of independence from Hillsborough County. As part of the community centennial activities taking place during 2012, the Pinellas County Historical Society is hosting an engaging series of lectures. (Lecture series began in Fall of 2011)

2012

Sunday, January 8	Pinellas by the Decades: 1932-1941
Sunday, February 12	Pinellas by the Decades: 1942-1951
Sunday, March 11	Pinellas by the Decades: 1952-1961
Sunday, April 15	Pinellas by the Decades: 1962-1971
Sunday, May 13	Pinellas by the Decades: 1972-1981
Sunday, June 10	Pinellas by the Decades: 1982-1991
Sunday, July 15	Pinellas by the Decades: 1991-2001
Sunday, August 12	Pinellas by the Decades 2002 to present - panel discussion

Connect with the Past with the Present

Become a volunteer at Heritage Village and provide your community with a greater understanding of local and state history and the importance of preserving it for future generations.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

10:00 a.m. New Adult Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, June 2, 2012

10:00 a.m. Junior Docent Orientation

Unique Volunteer Opportunities

Docent Tour Guide: Are you curious or interested about architecture, historic houses, Pinellas County or Florida history? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge and passion with others? Then join our docents at Heritage Village and welcome visitors to our historic structures. Engage guests in conversation about community life, architectural styles, artifacts and more. One on one training and mentoring by experienced volunteers is provided.

Museum Greeters: Meet school groups, bus tours and visitors, provide tour information, help guests read their maps and answer questions in the field. Morning and afternoon shifts available.

Historic House Caretaker: "Adopt an historic house" and provide special care and detailing utilizing historic house preservation guidelines.

Maintenance: Are you experienced with home or commercial repair or are you interested in historic preservation? Help staff with behind the scenes upgrades, light maintenance and simple repairs. Inside and outside work is available.

Grounds Assistant: Do you love the Florida piney woods? Help keep Heritage Village pathways, porches and walkways clear of debris and provide upkeep to plantings around historic houses. Heritage Village Garden volunteers provide interesting info on the history of agriculture, crops and growing vegetable gardens in Florida.

Call (727) 582-2125 or email pnoel@pinellascounty.org for further information.



GET INVOLVED

Volunteer at Heritage Village

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Docent
- Greeters
- Interpreter
- Receptionist
- Maintenance
- Junior Docent
- Office Assistant
- Craft Demonstrator
- Gift Shop Volunteer
- Collections Assistant
- Grounds Management
- Special Events Assistant
- Historic House Caretakers



For more information call (727) 582-2125 or e-mail pnoel@pinellascounty.org

Become A Member

Become a member of the Pinellas County Historical Society and help support Heritage Village. Society membership includes a subscription to the Society's newsletter; invitations to special programs; use of the library and archives; 10% discount in the Gift Shop and participation in special interest projects.

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 - College Student \$10
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 - Benefactor \$1000

Make membership check payable to:
PCHS - Pinellas County Historical Society
727-582-2233

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 P.O. Box 4862
 Seminole, FL 33775

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Discover unique items:

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- Local interest books
- Glassware & collectibles
- Citrus crate label post cards
- Home decor with a vintage flair
- Handcrafts... and more!

Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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10% Discount for PCHS members

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