



SARASOTA TIMES II

A SARASOTA HISTORY NEWSLETTER

HISTORICAL NOTE

Crocker Church

Built in 1901.

The HSOSC moved it and the Bidwell House to Pioneer Park in Oct. 2006.

The Church will soon be available to rent for meetings, weddings and performances., etc.

Call 924-5224 to schedule your event!

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November 18th. Membership Meeting

Pete and Diane Esthus will discuss “**Growing Up in Sarasota**” although Pete admits he’s NEVER gonna grow up!

The meeting will be held at the Pines, 1501 N. Orange Ave., on November 18th at 7:00 PM.

Refreshments will be served.

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Holiday Pot Luck Party

Dec. 11th at 6:00 PM.

Join us for an informal Pot Luck Supper at Pioneer Park, on the porch of the Bidwell House.

Please bring a dish to share that evening, AND a can to add to our collection for the All Faiths Food Bank



Noted “*brick layer*”, historian, collector, Pete Esthus is seen laying the engraved antique bricks, one at a time, in front of the Bidwell House at Pioneer Park.

Thank you to all of you who have purchased your bricks and are keeping Pete busy!

THANK YOU!

At the 10th Annual Awards Celebration, at The Venice Theatre on Nov. 3rd, The Sarasota County Arts Council presented the HSOSC with a grant, in the amount of \$2,500.00. These monies are funneled to us through the John Ringling Fund Historic Preservation Grants. We are grateful to the Arts Council for this award, which will help to replace the steps and the grating below the Bidwell House.



Historic Grant recipients, Mary Mc Fate, D.A.R., Bill Cowdright, Executive Director, Crowley Museum & Nature Center and Jane Kirschner-Tuccillo, Historical Society of Sarasota County.

THANK YOU to Charlie & Dee Stottlemeyer for their Life Endowment Membership Renewal!

Let's hear it for our Board Secretary, Larry Kelleher for his wonderfully fun, informative Historic Web Site, www.floridahistoryalive.com

We hope you saw the article on this Sarasota native and his business partner, Lee Gaines, a 5th generation Floridian!

They put out a weekly history lesson that makes our history come alive! Check it out, where "history happens, every day!"

Thank you to Author and Ghost Hunter, Kim Cool, who kept us on the edge of our seats at our October Membership Meeting, with her tales of the haunted theatres, homes and

other spaces in the Sarasota area! Kim will be signing and selling her popular books at our **History Day in the Park** on Feb. 8th! Come in to the Library at the Edson Keith Mansion at **Phillippi Park**.

Thank you to Historian, **John McCarthy** for his **16th Annual Historical Le Barge Cruise**, another sold-out cruise, thanks to Brenda Lee!

John picked up the microphone before we left the dock and never stopped regaling us with historic tales till we pulled back in, two hours later! If you missed the boat, you can jump onboard, next Nov. 1, 2009!



Photo by Arnold Berns

John Mc Carthy, enlightening the history enthusiasts on board the Le Barge Cruise.

HISTORIC THURSDAYS

Our first **Historic Thursdays Tour** will take place on January 8th and will include a Trolley Tour of **Port Manatee**, lunch in the **Charms Tea Room/Antiques Shoppe** in Ellenton, followed by a docent led tour of **Gamble Plantation**. For security reasons, we **MUST HAVE** your birth date, when you register for this tour and **you MUST BRING a photo ID to Port Manatee**.

We will meet at Port Manatee at 9:40AM. Directions will be included with your reservation receipt. You should be back in Sarasota by 4:30PM.

Cost is \$28.00 per person.

Tour Two will find us in **Cortez Village**, where the entire village is an historic landmark! Feb. 19th is the date. We'll meet at the **School House Museum** on 119th St. W. at 10:00AM. (Turn South off of Cortez Rd. The School House will be on your left.)

We'll visit the **Boat Building Shop** and have a fresh seafood lunch, at **Star Fish Co.**, right on the docks. Feel free to explore the village, where time seems to have stood still, after lunch.

Cost is \$28.00 per person.

Saturday, Mar. 21, 2009

Bus Tour to **Ybor** City, with a walking tour of historic sites, led by author, **Scott Deitch**, who "wrote the book" on Tampa's organized crime history called, "**Cigar City Mafia**". More information on this tour will be in the next newsletter.

For Tour Reservations contact Jane Kirschner-Tuccillo at: jane@jaskdesigns.com

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SARASOTA SATURDAY TROLLEY TOURS

Join Sarasota Native, **Sue Blue** on her narrated Trolley Tours which run from 10-12, on Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st, Mar. 14th and April 4th.

Depart from/return to Pioneer Park on 12th St. just off Tamiami Trail. \$25.00 per person.

Call Brenda Lee for reservations 921-9392.

A delightful way to entertain your Snow Bird Guests!

President Berns Wants YOU!

Be a Volunteer!

We'll need Docents at our Museum of Sarasota History (inside the 1882 Bidwell-Wood House) and at our 1901 Crocker Church, at Pioneer

Park. If you've always wanted to teach history, now's your chance!

Call Arnie Berns (924-5224) or

email him @ arnoldatstudio41@yahoo.com

to begin your new career! Please write VOLUNTEER on the subject line of your email so you're not considered spam! How much time is up to you! But, 4 hr. shifts, once a week would be ideal.

We already have a signed contract with the Theatre Odyssey group to begin play readings and performances in the Church, beginning in January.

HISTORY DAY IN THE PARK

Antique Dealers, Artists, Craftsmen, Jewelers, Authors, Quilters, Nature Photographers, you name it! They're all filling up the Vendor Spaces in and around the Phillippi Mansion for our big event on **Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009!**



Richard Capes, being filmed, painting the Farmhouse at Phillippi Park, for "**A Gulf Coast Journal**" hosted by Jack Perkins. Airing will be Christmas night @ 8:00pm on Channel 3.

Noted Local Artist, **Richard Capes**, will be in attendance, as well as **Rita Glosser**, who was recently featured in *Southern Living*. Rita turns your favorite mink into a treasured Teddy Bear! She can also use out-dated, but favorite ties to create a loving, lasting memory!

We are still looking for Sellers at our outdoor Flea Market so if you're parting with some of

your collections, call Jane K-T to grab a space under the trees. \$30.00 is your only fee! Bring your own tables and tell your friends!

Dinner in the Mansion

Get gussied up for our dinner at Phillippi Mansion on Feb. 8th. Wear your favorite costume from the late 1800's or be a Flapper from the 20's!

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