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## Calendar of Events at the Historical Society of Sarasota County

**Sunday December 11** Members Holiday Party, *Sweets and Spirits*. Held in our festively-decorated Crocker Memorial Church from 2 to 5. A chance to meet other members and celebrate. Music by Thomas Koch, a German classical guitarist who made Sarasota, Florida his home base in 1996.

**Tuesday December 13:** Conversation at the Crocker\* at 7pm. “The Bay Project – Its History in the Making”- Michael Klauber and Anand Pellegar.

**Tuesday January 10 :** Conversation at the Crocker\* at 7pm. “Six to Save” Erin DiFazio from the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation – Historic places and structures that need to be saved now.

**Sunday, January 15, 2023:** Sunday Afternoon Social\*\* at 2pm: Author Ellen Brosnahan and her book *The Second Mrs. Ringling* which recounts the disastrous brief marriage of the circus king to Emily Haag Buck. This is information you will never get when taking a tour of Ca’ D’zan. The author will bring books (\$12) and sign after her presentation.

**Sunday, January 29, 2023:** 2pm: **The Past, Present, and Future of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall**, A community conversation organized and presented by the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation and the Historical Society of Sarasota County. For more information <https://conta.cc/3GHV0M0>

**Saturday February 11, 2023 Sparkly Saturday** 9am to 1pm. Preloved jewelry sale in conjunction with Jewelry to the Rescue, plus our curated Tag Sale on the Porch. Always a fun day to shop and chat. Donations welcome now through January 31, 2023. Please note our guidelines: Home accessories, clean, complete, saleable decor. We cannot handle clothing, appliances, tools, etc. (*Of course, books on local and national history are welcomed year-round for our History Book Cart, as seen at all our gatherings.*)

**Tuesday February 21, 2023 [Note event date change] Hero of History.** An elegant luncheon salute to the 2023 Hero of History, when one dedicated individual will be placed in our Hero of History roster. For 2023, HSoSC celebrates architect and history maker Carl Abbott - his life, his work and his lasting impact on Modernism. Reception, Luncheon and Program at Michael’s on East. \$100. Accepting reservations now. See previous recipients [here](#).

**Sunday, March 5, 2023: Our 39th Historical Sarasota Bay Cruise** 11am - 1pm Learn local history narrated by John McCarthy, noted Sarasota Historian. \$75.00 per person \$100.00 VIP **Reservations a must.**

**Tuesday March 14, 2023:** Conversation at the Crocker\* at 7pm. TBA

**Sunday March 19, 2023** Sunday Afternoon Social\*\* at 2pm Author David Turner talks about *The Land of Selby*. Ever wonder how one of the most breathtaking waterfront properties became Sarasota's own botanical garden? Join us as David shares his original research into the Selby family, their philanthropy, and the remarkable story of the creation of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

**Saturday March 25, 2023** HSoSC will be a part of History Day in the Park at Philippi Estate Park, 5500 S

Tamiami Trail 10am - 5pm

**Saturday April 1, 2023:** Annual Meeting & Elections (members only)

**Tuesday April 11, 2023 :** Conversation at the Crocker\* at 7pm Circus Arts Conservatory. History and news about the publication of their new book. "Circus Arts Conservatory – The First Twenty-Five Years"

**Sunday April 16, 2023** Sunday Afternoon Social\*\* at 2pm TBA

**Sunday May 7, 2023** Sunday Afternoon Social\*\* at 2pm TBA

## **And more!**

\* **Conversations at the Crocker** is a series of in-person discussions on events that shaped Sarasota County's past and continue to exert influence on its present and probably the future. We start at 7pm in the Crocker Memorial Church. Reservations not necessary. FREE to Historical Society members; \$10 at the door for yet-to-be-members. Bring your friends and participate in lively and informative discussions. Bidwell-Wood House is open beginning at 6pm for touring before the meetings.

\*\* **Sunday Afternoon Socials** Learning and light refreshments in a casual, cafe-style atmosphere. 2pm in the Crocker Memorial Church. \$5 for Historical Society members and \$10 at the door for nonmembers.

**Breaking news will appear on our site, in our emails, and on our social media as future plans are firmed up. You can follow the Historical Society of Sarasota County on [Facebook](#) and [our blog](#). For news directly in your mailbox, join our [email list](#).**