

April 2018



Palm Harbor Museum

OPERATED BY THE PALM HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE HARTLEY HOUSE

Construction of the Hartley house began in 1914 and took about 5 years to complete. The plans for this house were bought via mail order from a Sears Roebuck & Co Catalog. Unlike today, no dedicated construction crew was hired to build the house quickly and efficiently. Instead the house was assembled by the new homeowner, relatives, friends and neighbors. It is thought the distinctive concrete blocks and pink mortar were all made here on site, the pink coming from crushed berries added by the Hartley children. The house had no plumbing and no electricity. Kerosene lamps provided lighting. In the kitchen, food was kept cold in the root cellar and cooking was done on the fireplace which has since been removed.

Ida Hartley died in 1952, closely followed by her husband Thomas in 1955. Ownership of the house passed to their daughter Lucy. She lived here in the house until 1961 when the house was sold. From 1961-1996 the house would change ownership many times with each owner making some modifications.

In the 1996 the house was bought by Pinellas County and was scheduled for demolition as part of the Belcher Rd extension plan. After much consultation and debate Pinellas County resolved to save the house and contracted with Palm Harbor Historical Society to manage the facility, which has proven to be a wonderful partnership. The Society upkeepes the property and house; providing a public space for the residents of North Pinellas County to engage with their history.



A L E T T E R F R O M T H E P R E S I D E N T



You can tell that Spring is here, the PHHS had our annual English Tea on March 3. The museum was beautifully decorated with fresh flowers, our best china was on the tables and the attendees wore festive hats! My sincere thanks to all the volunteers who make this event so very special every year. If you weren't able to attend, you might want to consider our Mother's Day Brunch on May 12.

Another sign of spring is our frost damaged landscaping is beginning to recover!

I want to express our thanks to Pinellas County for the improvements to our air conditioning system, which will be complete by the time you read this. Our current system was just not adequate to cool the building when we had large groups of people inside.

The County owns the facility and is a great partner with us as we make the museum available to the public to learn the history of our area as well as have a meeting place for community activities.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at one of the museum events,

Susan Latvala-Powers

19th ANNUAL ENGLISH TEA – SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

The 19th Palm Harbor Historical Society's English Tea was again a success, sold out for both seatings! Guests were invited to be pampered and served an array of delectable sweet and savory treats. The tables were dressed in Carol Jackson's finest china, tablecloths, and flowers, and guests sat down to an elegant event, complete with their finest hats and gloves. A silent auction offered choices of delights to take home – at the right price! Thanks to all who attended! We appreciate your support for this lovely event!



NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Sunday, April 15 at 4:00 PM – Members and Volunteer BBQ Appreciation Event

Thanks to all the members and volunteers who have supported the Museum! Our annual BBQ will thank members and friends. Please bring a dish to pass and a friend! Free for members, \$5 for guests. Music on the porch. If you haven't renewed yet, this is a good time to do it. RSVP please with what you will bring.



Saturday, May 12, 11:30—Mothers Day Brunch

Come to a special Mothers Day Brunch with Complimentary Mimosas. Sure to delight your mother, you, and your friends. One seating at 11:30 am. \$45 per person. Tickets available on-line or at the Museum.



Saturday, June 16 at 4:00– 6:00 pm—Father's Day Fish Fry.

Bring your dad to a Fish Fry for Fathers Day! Fish, slaw, and dessert, \$15 per person, \$10 for members. Bring a friend!



VOLUNTEERS

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We Want You!

Volunteer Opportunities

GREETER, MUSEUM DOCENT, ARCHIVE AND COLLECTIONS, GRANT WRITING, SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, ON SITE EVENT STAFF, EVENTS VOLUNTEER, TEA BREWER, DATA ENTRY ASSISTANT, TEAM LEADER, MUSEUM SPECIALIST, TRAINER. Volunteer Applications available.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH—Laura LaFontaine

Laura LaFontaine gets my vote for Volunteer of the Month. She helped with the membership mailing, worked several areas at the English Tea, as well as many other events at the Museum. She volunteers at many events at the Museum and always helps with a smile!

RENT THE MUSEUM



From wedding anniversaries and bridal showers to family reunions, the Palm Harbor Museum provides a historic backdrop for your next get together. With indoor and outdoor spaces and a catering kitchen to match your taste and budget and the option to explore a bit of Palm Harbor's history, the museum is the perfect party spot for your friends and family. Members receive discount on rentals.

Contact Shannon McGarry at (727-688-2322 or Shannon.DestinedEvents@gmail.com)



Join friends at Palm Harbor Museum each month for a short lecture and discussion about Florida History.

Enjoy a nostalgic look back with different themes each session. Everyone is welcome. You can come on your own and make some new friends or bring a pal. Refreshments are served.



April 11—6:30PM—Palm Harbor Boatbuilders by Mike Ramsey

May 9—6:30PM— TBA

June 13—6:30 PM— Jeff Moates, Director, West Central Region, Florida Public Archaeology Network

APRIL 25 AT 10AM - APRIL SHOWERS!



MAY 23 AT 10AM - May Flowers!



JUNE 20 AT 10AM – The Dye Art - with baby wipes!



APRIL

- YOGA at the Museum—Tuesdays 9:30 am
- Wed April 11 at 6:30 PM – Meet Me at the Museum
- Sun April 15 at 4:00 PM – Members and Volunteers BBQ
- Thurs April 18 9:00 AM – Working Women of Tampa Bay
- Thurs April 18 1:00 PM – PHHS Board Meeting
- Sat April 21 at 12:00 PM – Stump Hollow Bluegrass (1 hr. o)
- Wed April 25 at 10:00 AM – Story Time—April Showers

MAY

- YOGA at the Museum—Tuesdays 9:30 am
- Wed May 9 at 6:30 PM – Meet Me at the Museum
- Sat May 12, 11:30—Mother's Day Brunch
- Thurs May 17 at 9:00 AM – Working Women of Tampa Bay
- Thurs May 17 at 1:00 PM – PHHS Board Meeting
- Wed May 20—Story Time—May Flowers

JUNE

- YOGA at the Museum—Tuesdays 9:30 am
- Wed June 13 at 6:30 PM – Meet Me at the Museum
- Sat June 16 at 4:00 pm—Fathers Day Fish Fry
- Wed June 20—Story Time—The Dye Art
- Thurs June 21 at 9:00 AM – Working Women of Tampa Bay
- Thurs June 21 at 1:00 PM – PHHS Board Meeting

For more details on all our events, please check our website at www.palmharbormuseum.com or call (727) 724-3054

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The Palm Harbor Historical Society is a non profit organization comprised of an all volunteer staff and board. The Society has the responsibility of running the museum, obtaining historically relevant inventory, archiving photos and local literature and preserving the history of Palm Harbor, Ozona, Curlew, Wall Springs, East Lake and Crystal Beach. All museum operations and programs are conducted and run solely by the Society.

HOURS: The Museum is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Application

Without our annual members, we would not be able to operate the museum. 100% of your annual membership is used by the Society to offer a free local museum to members. Membership has its perks! Enjoy free programs during the year and be the first to be invited to events! Individuals and business owners are encouraged to fill out a membership form attached to this newsletter and mail. The Historical Society is a not for profit organization.

Annual Memberships start in January.

Encourage your friends to join. New Members welcome!

Name _____ Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Annual Membership Dues Categories (check one)

\$25 Individual \$40 Family \$100 Sponsor \$250 Patron \$500 Benefactor \$1000 Lifetime

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