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Palm Harbor Museum

OPERATED BY THE PALM HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2019 PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE

THE PALM HARBOR MUSEUM AGLOW WITH ORAL HISTORY

By Kyle Pierson



The Palm Harbor Museum's yellow kitchen glowed with camera lights as videographer Barb Carrier filmed the oral history of Winnie Foster, a well-known St. Petersburg activist.

On February 8, Carrier and facilitator Terry Fortner took pains to create a comfy setting, complete with tea and organic cookies to provide a relaxing atmosphere for a long conversation. It takes time to document events that span half a century. Fellow networker and friend-of-Winnie, Carla Bristol, owner of Gallerie 909, interviewed the 91-year-old about her decades long social justice memories.

Winnie's history is intertwined with many of St. Petersburg's most transformative moments of the last century. When Winnie moved to the city in 1969, she brought her social activist identity with her as a "Birthright" Quaker, a person born into the faith and believes it is her duty to work for peace and social reforms, especially for poor people.

During the tumultuous 1970s, she marched to end the Vietnam War, started the St. Petersburg chapter of N.O.W., worked for the League of Women Voters, and was the campaign manager for three-time Florida Democratic Senator Jeanne Malchon. One of her most notable achievements was helping to get the first black county judge, James B. Sanderlin, elected. Sanderlin was later appointed to the Florida Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee.

This year marks Winnie's 50th year of continuing activism in St. Petersburg. The life-long democrat is still living her convictions. She is the founder of the local Sojourner Truth Center, Inc., which includes an urban community garden.

Winnie was widowed in 2011 after her husband Albert "Al" Foster died; she has three grown children, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Palm Harbor Museum is proud to have facilitated recording this important oral history.

The Oral History program at the Palm Harbor Museum encourages meaningful dialogue to foster better understanding and to impart wisdom for future generations. A "library" of YouTube videos is being updated and restarted. The museum is reaching out to interviewers, interviewees, film editors, videographers, and others who might wish to be involved.

P R E S I D E N T S C O L U M N

Exciting new programs are underway for 2019 with opportunities and appeal for the Palm Harbor community. New volunteers with clever ideas and a new board are bringing fresh energy to the museum! We are fortunate to have Barbara Carrier filming new Oral Histories with long-time residents and local historians. We also welcome our new Operations Manager David Knupp, on loan from the Dunedin History Museum to help with funding sources and to open the Museum on Saturdays. Martha Lenderman joins us to lend her expertise working with senior groups in the community. Planning is underway to partner with other community groups for new and exciting events.



EVENTS AND PARTIES



20th ANNUAL ENGLISH TEA – SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019



The 20th Annual English Tea was a huge success, and another feather in the cap for Carol Jackson and Mary Brotman, organizers, and Kim Pulli, caterer. Kim's swans were the best ever, and everyone loved Kim's delectable treats. The flower volunteers Becky, Dottie, and Pam outdid themselves again with arrangements adding to the tables charms. Our Silent Auction brought in the most income ever, thanks to the many donations from members, friends, and sponsors. Hats off to Martha Lenderman whose draw tickets for scratch offs, gift cards, and 50-50 was a home run! Thanks Martha! Put the 21st Annual English Tea on your calendar for the first Saturday in March 7, 2020!

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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, HISTORIAN, GENEALOGY TRAINER.

Introducing Sharon:

Sharon Lamm gave a fascinating program in February about her memories of moving here in 1975 and her interviews with famous Palm Harbor movers and shakers. We are taking advantage of her writing experience as she oversees a Publicity committee to further promote and educate the public on Museum stories. We hope to bring in lots of new visitors and volunteers who want to explore the Museum and emphasize its importance in our Palm Harbor community. Watch for her articles in the Palm Harbor Beacon.



VOLUNTEER SHARON LAMM

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Palm Harbor Museum wants you!

We're looking for volunteers of all ages and all skill levels. We need greeters and docents to welcome our guests and help them explore the museum. We also need researchers and amateur curators to help catalogue our artifacts. Do you love Palm Harbor but don't know anything about its history? Don't worry! Our knowledgeable board and volunteers are here to help! Whether you're 18 or 80, we would love to have you with us. Contact us today at palmharbormuseum@outlook.com or go to our website www.palmharbormuseum.com for more information.



DAVID KNUPP, Operations Manager

We are fortunate to have David Knupp join us from the Dunedin Historical Museum on a part-time basis as Operations Manager. David's experience in grant writing and developing new programs makes him a great fit for the Palm Harbor Museum. His background in writing, presentations, new program development, video, and museum studies is of great help to us. He is actively looking for new volunteers to fill out the schedule, and help with new programs planned for Saturdays. He will be working Fridays and Saturdays during the summer, providing new opportunities to work with children and senior groups as defined in our Faith Mission grant. Please give him a **GREAT WELCOME** as he helps the Museum find additional funds to continue to serve the Palm Harbor area.

RENT THE MUSEUM



From birthday parties to baby showers, the Palm Harbor Museum provides a historic backdrop for your next event. With indoor and outdoor space available and a catering kitchen to match your taste and budget, the museum is the perfect party spot for your friends and family to enjoy a bit of Palm Harbor's history. Members receive discounts on rentals!

CALL the Museum at (727) 724-3054 or phmcurator@outlook.com for more information.



Palm Harbor Museum Wish List:

The Palm Harbor Museum is thankful for donations of new or gently used items. If you are able to donate or sponsor an item on our list, please call us at 727-724-3054 or email at palmharbormuseum@outlook.com

We are currently in need of:

- Office chairs
- Computer for video editing
- Video editing software
- Stand-up electric fans
 - Color printer
- Letter size printer paper
 - Misc. office supplies
 - Flash memory sticks

A wonderful volunteer, Dianne Polaski has spent many hours of her time updating our **website**. She lives in Germany and spends her summers in Palm Harbor. Dianne has shared many photos from her family's collections of Frank Polaski, and she regularly attends Museum functions and volunteers for numerous events. Thank you Dianne!

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



Enjoy local stories with different themes. All ages are welcome. Attend solo, meet new friends, invite a pal and help spread the word. Refreshments are served.

April 10—6:15 PM

Jeffrey Moates

Heritage Monitoring, a Citizen's Science Program to Track Coastal Heritage Sites At Palm Harbor Library

May 8—6:30PM

Monica Drake

Meet Me at Heritage Village

June 12—6:30 PM

TBA

Admission \$5

(Historical Society Members Free)

Heritage Monitoring, a Citizen's Science Program to Track Coastal Heritage Sites by Jeffrey Moates.

This program will be held at the Palm Harbor LIBRARY.



Heritage Monitoring Scouts of Florida. It's a citizen science program built to address effects from sea level rise, flooding, and storm events on our coastal heritage sites by monitoring sites and tracking changes. We're engaging the public in Florida to go out and be the eyes and ears on the ground, take note, and report back to us through a web portal designed to be easy and effective. Interested to know if you think this will garner some actual eyes and ears!

Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida) is a public engagement program focused on tracking changes to **archaeological sites at risk, particularly those impacted by climate change in the form of erosion and sea level rise.** Join Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) staff for this information session to learn how to become a heritage monitoring scout.

APRIL

April 10th at 6:15 PM – Meet Me at the Museum at PH Library

April 11th at 10:00 AM – PHHS Board Meeting

April 20th at 10:00 AM – **Easter Egg Hunt**

MAY

May 8 at 6:30 PM – Meet Me at the Museum

May 9th at 10:00 AM – PHHS Board Meeting

JUNE

June 12th at 6:30 PM – Meet Me at the Museum

June 13th at 10:00 AM – PHHS Board Meeting

1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt—April 20, 10:00am to 12 noon



Celebrate our **1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Palm Harbor Museum** in a historical way with an egg hunt, face painting, bunny photos, games, refreshments and prizes. Hundreds of eggs filled with toys and candy treats. The **egg hunt** is free. There will be two egg hunts, one at 10:00 for ages 6 and under, and the second at 11:30 for ages 7 to 12. **Face painting and Refreshments** available for \$2 donations. On-Line registration through Eventbrite is required.



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 and mail it in with your check. 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)

\$30 Individual \$45 Family \$100 Sponsor \$250 Patron \$500 Benefactor \$1000 Business \$2500 Excelsior

Membership Dues \$ _____ Additional Contribution _____

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____