



# Palm Harbor Museum

OPERATED BY THE PALM HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2019 PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE

### MUSEUM COLLECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

A museum could not exist without its collection. Artifacts, documents, and photographs are the reasons that museums were created. People have long had a propensity for collecting items that are old or hold some feeling of importance or value. Some of the earliest forerunners of modern museums were 16<sup>th</sup> century curiosity cabinets which housed various objects of intrigue. Usually kept by wealthy patrons, these cabinets were a rare treat designed for only privileged eyes to glimpse. From there, the collection and display of objects blossomed into large public galleries designed to attract crowds of onlookers to see rare and curious items. The science of professional museum collections sprang forth from this same kind of desire to preserve objects, though the focus was on objects of historical and scientific significance and not merely the bizarre.

Modern museums have the duty of not just collecting and preserving artifacts, but also making them available to the public. Giant warehouses containing rare and important articles of historical significance don't do the public any good if they are simply locked away and never allowed to see the light of day. That's why the duties of archivists, collection managers, and curators are so vital in the museum profession. They are the gate keepers between the museum's collection and the public. They provide access while reserving the integrity of objects. This access comes in many forms, from displaying artifacts and photographs, to scanning documents and making them available in a digital format. One of the most important parts of access is the careful cataloguing and record keeping of historically significant items. A collection without records can provide no access to anyone. Only through the hard work of trained individuals can a museum's collection provide a benefit to the public and be of use to the world.

Below are the volunteers who are working on our collection.



Marty Volpe



Nancy Mitchem



Molly McCormick



Matt Mitchem



Christine Gallandre



Evan Amodeo



Bob Campbell

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Our Wet and Wild Children's event on August 24 was a huge success, and pictures on the next page show various fun activities enjoyed by the children who attended. We were supported by the Rotary Club of Palm Harbor and the Palm Harbor Fire and Rescue in an unprecedented showing of community support. The Rotary Club has been extremely supportive of the Museum through memberships and volunteers for the Museum, and a readiness to help with events. Many thanks to Ali Choiniere and Connie Davis for promoting the event! The Museum owns the Charley Jones firetruck, and it is always a big hit with the kids. We thank the Palm Harbor Fire Department for housing it and maintaining it. We asked the Palm Harbor Fire Department to participate in our event and they brought 2 firetrucks besides the "Puppy Truck" for 2 hours each from E68 and E65, along with very helpful fire and rescue volunteers. **Liz Graham** coordinated the educational program, providing hats and other special items for the kids. **Josh Lovetere** sent 2 cadets who worked the entire event. Hats off to **Fire Chief Scott Sanford** for his support! We welcome this kind of community support for the Museum, and we will continue to invite more local organizations to join with us for mutual benefit. Thanks all! We are most grateful to everyone!

# EVENTS AND PARTIES



## The Charley Jones Firetruck

Charley Jones bought the fire truck for Palm Harbor because they needed one. It was later donated to the Palm Harbor Historical Society when it had outlived its service as a regular firefighting truck. It is regularly seen driven by certified volunteers in state-wide parades and local events, as well as during the December holiday season when the area is covered with scheduled holiday trips. Winona Jones' book "Around Palm Harbor" shows a picture of the truck in a Christmas parade.

# VOLUNTEERS

**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF A  
NONPROFIT 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.*



## **VOLUNTEER MARTY VOLPE, ARCHIVIST**

Marty began volunteering at the museum several months ago. Having previous experience with cataloguing museum collections, Marty was the perfect person to begin the long task of cataloguing the archival materials in our collection. He has made significant improvements to the museum's archives and is a terrific team leader to our other recent volunteers who have been assisting with cataloguing our archives. With their help, our collection can provide great benefit to the community we serve.

## **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](mailto:palmharbormuseum@outlook.com) or go to our website [www.palmharbormuseum.com](http://www.palmharbormuseum.com) for more information.



### **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Please take a moment and fill out our online survey. We welcome your input on ways that we can improve. Your input will also help us in our future fundraising endeavors.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2B5DF3>



## **DAVID KNUPP, Operations Manager**

In order to keep the museum moving forward and finding a place of stability, we have been working on a strategic, long-term plan. The plan outlines our goals and identifies ways for us to meet them. One of our major goals is to become a full-time museum; increasing our hours and our ability to provide service to the community. We have so many ideas but not enough people or funding to make them all a reality.

Another goal is to create a fundraising committee, whose job it would be to seek out new sources of funding. If you or someone you know has experience in fundraising or would like to be a part of the museum moving forward, please contact us at [palmharbormuseum@outlook.com](mailto:palmharbormuseum@outlook.com). We'd love to hear from you!

# 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 [palmcurator@outlook.com](mailto:palmcurator@outlook.com) for more information.



Barbara Carrier presenting at Memories of the Past

## ORAL HISTORIES

How many times have you wished you could go back in time and reminisce with an older loved one who is no longer living? How smart would it be to do just that before it is too late? To sit down with your grandmother or grandfather, another much-loved relative or older friend, and get those memories recorded?

The Palm Harbor Museum is offering the opportunity to have residents' life stories recorded through an on-going Oral History Program which began in 2012 with a Faith Mission grant. Volunteers have previously recorded more than 30 oral history interviews with members of the community and former residents of Palm Harbor, and now will continue and expand the Oral History Program in the coming months. If you are interested, call to schedule an appointment.



## SENIOR HISTORY PROGRAMS

The Museum welcomes groups for tours of the Museum and many times organizations wish to arrange their outings for a special program. Other times, senior organizations want a representative from the Museum to come to them, especially in the summer when weather is a consideration. The Museum has been presenting history programs at the Aging Well Center in Clearwater. Volunteer

Donnie Hanson has arranged several upcoming presentations with local centers with board member Glenda Riviere Gunnells presenting a series called "Growing Up in Palm Harbor". Palm Harbor's Riviere Street runs along the area of her family's 20-acre dairy farm.



## 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 us at [palmharbormuseum@outlook.com](mailto:palmharbormuseum@outlook.com). We are currently in need of: Office chairs, Stand-up electric fans, Letter size printer paper, Misc. office supplies, Flash memory sticks, Sound Baffle for Belcher side of building. The Museum needs help with landscaping trimming and clean up of the west fence.

## FALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



### Sun, September 8, Grandparents Day

Video interviews of your grandparents by videographer at the Museum. Call to schedule an interview for your grandparents.

Sat, Sept 21, 10 to 4, Museum Day, Free Admission.

Wed Sept 11 – MMATM – Vinnie Luisi to do Vintage Baseball, 6:30pm refreshments, 7:00 Program

Wed October 9 – MMATM – Jackie Ceren, *History of Florida Tourism*, 6:30pm refreshments, 7:00 Program

Fri, Sat October 26, 27— HAUNTED HOUSE, 4:30 Not So Scary, and 6:00 Most Ghosts!

Sat Nov. 9 – Wine Around Palm Harbor, 4pm to 7pm, Wines and Tastings from Palm Harbor towns with a Bite of History with each: Ozona, East Lake, Crystal Beach, Wall Springs, and Curlew.

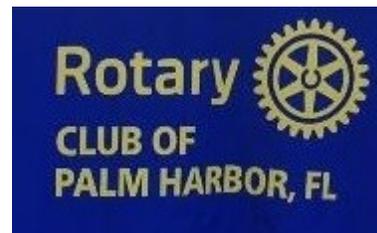
Wed. Nov. 13 – MMATM—David, Erik & Doris Anderson, *Sacred Lands: Jungle Prada Site & Anderson/Narvaez/Tocobaga Indian Mound*, 6:30pm refreshments, 7:00 Program

Thursday Dec. 12, 5pm to 7pm, Members Christmas Party

Fri, Sat., Dec 13, 14, 19, 20, Christmas Celebration, 4pm to 5:30, and 6 pm to 7:30. Christmas Music, Crafts, Santa Visits, Hot Cocoa, Tickets available early on Eventbrite. Limited tickets available.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Rotary Club of Palm Harbor



Palm Harbor Fire and Rescue



Palm Harbor Library



## SUPPORTING THE MUSEUM

The Museum receives no support from the county or other local organizations. The Museum is supported by grants, membership, special events, and donations. Since David Knupp joined us in March as Operations Manager, he has written 3 grants, and is working on another in September. We have applied for a State Grant from the Division of Cultural Affairs, and after initial evaluation, we are still in the running. However, even if we are awarded the grant next spring, the pool of funds for Museums is so small that we are not likely to receive more than a small percentage of the amount requested. Our grant from the Florida Humanities Council did not get accepted. We have another grant application in for administrative costs from the Pinellas County Foundation which will not be evaluated until year end. Because these grants are so difficult to get, we still rely on your donations to pay our bills. We are not kidding when we say we need your help to keep the doors open as we have insufficient income to cover our expenses. With year end donations coming up soon, please remember us. We would be most appreciative if you could help support this very valuable museum. If you live in Palm Harbor, remember that we are your ONLY History Museum with the history of your town, and we need your help!

## SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 9

### WINE AND HISTORY: A Vintage Event at the Museum!

Wine and Small Bites with a touch of history! Join us for a Vintage History Event as we take you on a History of Old Palm Harbor! Reservations available on-line on our website soon! Details to follow.





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For Organizations And Schools

The Palm Harbor Historical Society is a nonprofit 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 Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

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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 Excelsior  \$2500 Platinum

Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gift From \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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