

September 2020



# *Palm Harbor Museum*

OPERATED BY THE PALM HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2020 PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE

### NEW EXHIBITS OPENING IN OCTOBER!

Phase 1 of Palm Harbor Museum's brand new exhibits showcasing the history of the Hartley family and the Palm Harbor region debut at the end of October! Details about the grand opening will be available soon. The new displays incorporate audio and video features to enliven the experience. Check out the Hartley Room, dedicated to the original family who built the 102 year old house that became a permanent home for the Palm Harbor Historical Society. Get a glimpse of Palm Harbor's unique communities through clips of oral history videos. Learn about East Lake's very own cowgirl who worked circles around the ranch hands while she managed Boot Ranch for three decades. Take a look at the coastal culture that fostered the early fishing industry along the Gulf. Many of the handcrafted display props were sourced from regional Florida artists and designers. The new exhibits were made possible through a generous grant from the Faith Mission Christian Fund of the Pinellas Community Foundation.



### HISTORY HAPPENS IN PALM HARBOR MUSEUM ZOOM ROOM



Zoom maven Joy Katzen-Guthrie has joined us to help produce our monthly Meet Me at the Museum programs using this popular online platform. Our speakers can now reach much wider audiences, and Joy's multimedia talents make the programs more interesting. She encourages the audience to ask questions and interact with the speaker. Our onsite programs may have run out of seats quickly, but our "PALM HARBOR MUSEUM Zoom Room" allows many more people to participate. Meet Me at the Museum is free to attend but please reserve your spot through Eventbrite; a link directly to the site is available on PALM HARBOR MUSEUM's Facebook event pages, or search "Palm Harbor Museum" to see events

on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Donations are gratefully accepted and can easily be added to your ticket reservation. Joy's bio is on page 5.

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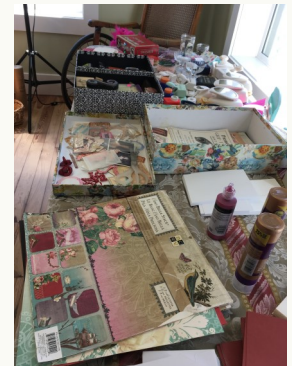
### WINE PAIRS NICELY WITH...PALM HARBOR MUSEUM

Mark your calendars for Sat, Nov 7! Last year's popular Palm Harbor Museum fundraiser, Wine Around Palm Harbor, returns for a second round. It will be held outdoors on our patio and under the trees, and with physical distancing following updated CDC guidelines. Displays about Palm Harbor's historic communities will showcase six different wines paired with appropriate noshes. Silent auction items will be up for bids on the porch. Your admission ticket will include a timed tour of the new interactive museum exhibits inside the Hartley House. Attendance will be limited to 50 tickets per seating, so be sure to buy your tickets early to get your desired time slot. Tables, chairs and benches will be spaciouly arranged for your comfort and convenience. We look forward to seeing all our Museum friends again as we catch up with much-needed fundraising during this difficult year. Tickets: \$35. Seating times: 4:00 to 5:30pm and 5:30 to 7:00pm. Tickets will be available via Eventbrite.



# EVENTS

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## PRESIDENT COLUMN

New technology may save many cultural institutions in these days of the coronavirus. Fundraising has to be done in different ways. Click on a tour after you donate. Everybody is doing it. Have you zoomed yet? It's great going to a meeting with friends in the comfort of your home.

Museums have moved to more online programming to show their collections and provide information about their offerings. While many people are venturing out, some still feel more comfortable at home without risking their health. It is the job of the Museums and other Cultural institutions be become more technology savvy to provide the research and entertainment offerings that previously were provided in person. We are excited to expand our horizons to reach audiences who are not able to visit this area but can share in our history.



# VOLUNTEERS

## VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

We Want You!

Volunteer Opportunities



### CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

**Tour Guide Docents:** If working with the public is within your comfort zone at this time, we ask that you consider helping us by serving as a docent. Training will be provided. Docents greet visitors, provide brief tours sharing information about our historic buildings and the Palm Harbor region; and perform facility sanitizing procedures between visitor groups. Prefer those who can commit to a weekly 2-hour shift.

**Grant Writers:** Finding new sources of funding is an ongoing challenge, especially for small museums like ours. Do you have grant writing knowledge and experience you could share with us?

**Event Volunteers:** We need volunteers to find table sponsors, silent auction donations, and food contributions for our upcoming fundraiser in November. If you have time to help us with this, please get in touch with the Museum.

More specific volunteer details will be emailed for your further consideration, if interested. Please contact the Museum at [palmharbormuseum@outlook.com](mailto:palmharbormuseum@outlook.com) to request more information for the position of your choice.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH—Penny Riddle



Penny is always ready to help, especially with computer projects. The Museum always needs her talents for membership, tickets, finances, mailings, and monthly statistics. She loves events, dressing up, and sampling the latest cocktails. She likes crafts and helps with the special events, such as fundraising events.

We are very fortunate to have Penny helping the Palm Harbor Museum!

### CAROL CORTRIGHT, Operations Manager



Since Palm Harbor Museum closed to the public in mid-March due to the COVID-19 crisis, vital sources of funding have all but disappeared. Many of you may not realize this, but the Palm Harbor Museum receives no regular operational funding from any government entity. This museum is supported by admissions, memberships, donations, fundraising events and a few grants. Most of these income streams have simply withered away over the last several months. The reason the Museum has been able to open the Hartley house doors over the last 22 years is due to the hard work of dedicated volunteers. Palm Harbor Museum truly is a community-centered cultural resource and we are grateful for your support. Your charitable contributions play a more critical role than ever in assuring the survival of this local history museum, as we strive to offer a place for all our guests to make deeper connections with the past. We hope

museum visitors are inspired when learning about the hardships overcome by those who came before us and are encouraged to get through these unusual days. In the future, our descendants will be looking at how we weathered this storm, and we hope their local history museum is still around to provide the answers. Please take a moment to visit [PalmHarborMuseum.com](http://PalmHarborMuseum.com) and join as a member (or buy a gift membership for someone special), make a donation, or go to [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) and buy tickets for a tour or donate with your sign up for our monthly history program.

# ORAL HISTORIES

## New Oral Histories on YouTube!

Oral Histories at the Palm Harbor Museum augment exhibits and support additional interpretive features at Palm Harbor Museum. These videos are loaded on YouTube so the public can listen to the history of Palm Harbor. We feel grateful for the citizens of Palm Harbor who want to tell their stories. They are history being made from many areas of Palm Harbor, and so many are contributors to the quality of life in our area. To access the Palm Harbor Museum oral histories on YouTube, see the links below. There are also individual links on YouTube under Palm Harbor Museum or Palm Harbor Museum Oral Histories. Call the Museum if you have questions (727-724-3054) or to set up an appointment for your Oral History.

### LINKS TO PALM HARBOR MUSEUM VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Palm Harbor Museum 30 videos

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSFgkN2MEYe7\\_FoUa7qLkwv](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSFgkN2MEYe7_FoUa7qLkwv)

PALM HARBOR MUSEUM Oral Histories – Subscribe button – 68 videos

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2bTUIAPZmSB1xXwxrSsO4g>

Barbara Carrier's promo video with children LIFE HISTORY PROMO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vnHkhUA9g0&t=12s>

Museum promo Margaret Word Burnside with Charley Jones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGioEzHNAuE&t=2s>



Sallie Parks interviews Dr Jean Bennett in a recent interview.

### ORAL HISTORY TEAM—

### SALLIE PARKS, TERRY FORTNER, BARBARA CARRIER AND ROB EARHART

Terry Fortner helps select, schedule, and network with our Oral History participants. Sallie Parks does many of the interviews and connects the dots between the interviewees and what they have contributed to Palm Harbor. Barbara Carrier has filmed most of the interviews, edits many of the interviews, organizes them, and puts them on YouTube. Rob Earhart has joined the team recently as videographer.

The Oral History team has been collecting these interviews for the last 7 years, and the collection we have is most impressive. A prior project Pinellas Past with the Pinellas County Heritage Village initiated many of the early interviews. Some of these are being transferred to YouTube as they are being edited for online formats. We are thankful to volunteers thus far, and want to encourage others to step up and to help facilitate, interview, film, edit. The Faith Mission grant provided equipment to get the Oral History program up and running.



Sallie Parks has done over 30 oral history interviews with the movers and shakers of Palm Harbor, and she probably remembers the stories of most of them. Shown here, she is interviewing Francine Coleman Larsen with her book on Palm



Barb Carrier filmed the oral history of Winnie Foster, a well-known St. Petersburg activist

# H A P P E N I N G S

## UPCOMING MEET ME AT THE MUSEUM PROGRAMS

**Sept 9, 6:15-7:45pm: Wall Springs, Then & Today with Nancy McKibben.** See photos and hear tales of Wall Springs' history and its recent expansion into a 120-acre park with boardwalk, observation tower, playground, butterfly garden, hiking trails, picnic shelters and more. .

**Oct 21, 6:15-7:45pm: From Heyday to Sunset at Palm Harbor's Boot Ranch with Arthur "Buz" Olds**

Buz tells the story of Al Boyd's taking over the ranch from his father in 1950, why he named it Boot Ranch, and his hiring of Lois Oxnam, as told to Buz by Mr Boyd himself. Also featured will be pictures and accounts of ranch life and the stock from Florida scrub cows to Brahman Bulls.

**Nov 18, 6:15-7:45pm: Topic TBA**

**Dec 16, 6:15-7:45pm: A Hartley House Holiday**

## NEW SPONSORS

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## JOY KATZEN-GUTHRIE, ONLINE ZOOM EXPERT

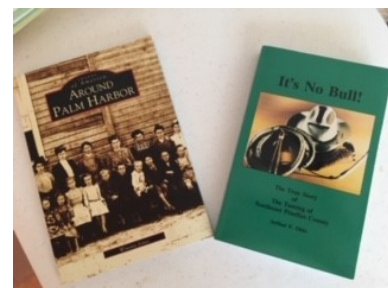
Joy is no stranger to technology, having worked for decades in the radio, voice/music recording, and arts industries in addition to an avid photographer. A native of Memphis, Joy settled in St. Petersburg in 1981 and has lived with her husband in Oldsmar (1983-1994) and most recently in Palm Harbor since 1994 leading a versatile career as broadcast announcer, producer and manager, composer/lyricist, and recording artist and instructor/lecturer. In concert, as a keynote speaker, studio artist, and as a lifelong learning instructor, Joy creates a wide variety of musical, historical, and cultural programs both on site and online. With a passion for history and arts of every kind, Joy's programs cover the

gamut of Musical Theatre and Popular Music, Television, Radio, Film, Dance, and World Music. Since June 2019, she has served as Programmer/Host of Tampa Bay's longtime radio broadcast, *The Sunday Simcha*, on WMNF 88.5 FM and in August 2019 was named WMNF's 2019 New Programmer of the Year. She is a 15-year contributor to the music team of Unity of Palm Harbor and with her husband Mark, operates Katzen and Guthrie Associates, Inc. and Tune-of-the-Century Music, an entertainment business, recording studio, and broadcast/studio design firm. Joy is thrilled to be part of the Palm Harbor Museum's team spreading the word of the unique history, culture, and natural landscape of Palm Harbor and North Pinellas County.

## BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE

*Around Palm Harbor* by Winona Jones and *Its No Bull* by Buz Olds

PALM HARBOR MUSEUM'S NEW BOOK NOOK You'll find a variety of local history gems in our new Book Nook, including *It's No Bull* (\$20) by Arthur "Buz" Olds, our guest speaker for October's Meet Me at the Museum. It's a "must have" for East Lake residents and those interested in the history of Al Boyd's Boot Ranch. *Palm Harbor Paeon* (\$20) by recent Oral History interviewee Francine Coleman Larson is also available. Our late museum co-founder Winona Jones' book, *Around Palm Harbor* (\$20) is a breezy trip through Palm Harbor's history told through old photographs. If you would like to purchase any of these or view other titles in our new Book Nook, Fridays and Saturdays, 10-2 are the best times to stop by. Just call the Museum at (727) 724-3054 or email [palmharbormuseum@outlook.com](mailto:palmharbormuseum@outlook.com) and let us know when to expect you, since we are minimally staffed at this time. Credit card purchases require an additional \$2. service fee. Books can be mailed for a \$5 shipping fee.







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10 am to 2 pm FOR RESERVED TOURS. Call the Museum to  
reserve or sign up online.

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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 Excelsior ☐ \$2500 Platinum

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

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

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make check payable to Palm Harbor Historical Society