



Sebastian Area Historical Society, Inc.

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SAHSI NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow SAHSI Members:

What a delightful time I had in Detroit at the Annual Convention of the American Association of State and Local History in September. It was a very educational and inspiring time.



Once again our Library Presentations began in October with long-time resident Doctor (Doc) Fischer sharing his personal memories of the growth and development of Sebastian and in November Rich Votapka returned with a brand new presentation on Women's Suffrage. Both presentations delighted the audience and we're very grateful to both speakers. We are looking forward to the New Year presentations starting in January.

Recently, Henry Robertson contacted me about donating a Post Office Box Cabinet from the 1915's to the museum. It turns out that this historic mahogany cabinet was a retirement gift from the Post office to the Postmistress that previously lived in the house that Henry now occupies. What a wonderful addition to our museum. Come by to see it.

Thank you to Wilma Bertling for her generous donation to our education fund. A special Thank You goes out to all who have paid their 2017 dues already. Dues are due and payable on January 1. Please keep the Sebastian Area Historical Society in mind when considering your end of the year donations.

Remember, the "Tales of Sebastian" books make wonderful Christmas gifts and are available at the museum.

Sincerely wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season,

Kathy McDonald

MEMBER NEWS

December 5th, 2016, is the date of the annual Christmas Dinner at Roadside Restaurant in Sebastian for the SAHSI board members. This restaurant has great food!

SAHS will donate copies of the three "Tales of Sebastian" books as prizes at the "Concerts in the Park" in Riverview Park in Sebastian, beginning in January.

Treasure Coast Trolley tours are happening in our county, including tours in Sebastian. The tours provide an interesting and educational glimpse into the history of our area.

SAHS is working on a new and innovative web page. More about this in the next newsletter.

Have you been to the museum lately? Come see the renovations and new exhibits.



SAHSI Newsletter is published quarterly by the Sebastian Area Historical Society, Inc. which is a non-profit organization that maintains the Sebastian Area Historical Museum on a volunteer basis. The society is dedicated to preserving local history and promoting public interest in local history.

Ellen Stanley, Editor

AASLH Conference

SAHS President Kathy McDonald attended the conference of the American Association of State and Local History in Detroit in September. She is keeping our group up to date on local history and museum trends.



Kathy, at the conference

I am so grateful that I was able to attend the American Association of State and Local History Convention in Detroit from September 14 thru 17. My participation was made possible by the Small Museum Scholarship Award and very generous donations. I met wonderful, talented historians from across the country, heard excellent speakers and was inspired by the many training sessions and educational presentations. I returned to Sebastian invigorated, excited and ready to move forward making the Sebastian Area Historical Museum the very best ever!

Kathy McDonald

PROGRAMS

The Sebastian Area Historical Society, Inc. provides thought-provoking and educational programs given by local speakers pertaining to the dynamic heritage our county enjoys. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments are provided and an opportunity to interact with the speakers is provided after each presentation. These events are not sponsored by the North Indian River County Library.

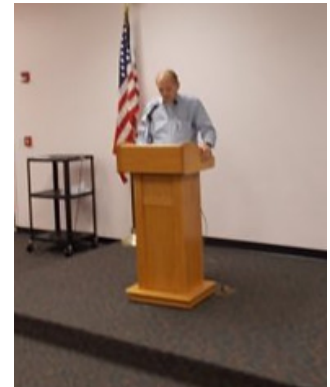
2016 - 2017 Program Schedule Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Doc Fischer gave another of his fascinating lectures about early times and people in our area at the October North Indian River County Library presentation in Sebastian. He is a favorite lecturer that draws a big crowd.

Rich Votapka, another of our great local historians and lecturers, gave a timely talk about women's suffrage and voting in general. He explained our area's role in the suffrage movement at the November Sebastian library presentation.



Rich Votapka



Doc Fischer

The remaining presentations of the season are:

January 18, 2017

Railroads, by Caboose Mikey Starck

February 15, 2017

The Original Florida Highwaymen Artist, by Elizabeth Woodruff, City of Fort Pierce

March 15, 2017

Bringing Alive the Past: Pioneering Sebastian and Roseland, by Ellen Stanley, Author

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS



The museum has just received a spectacular acquisition, one of the early Sebastian Post Office wooden cabinets with mail slots, donated by Henry Robertson. It is shown here with SAHS member John Booth who helped install it with board member Caboose Mikey Starck.

Donations were made to our museum reference library. Wilma Bertling and Kathy McDonald donated books on shipwrecks off of the Florida coast, and Doc Fischer donated a reference book on Florida birds. Russell Hermann donated early records of the Sebastian Highlands Property Owners Association.

Thanks to Total Print for another fine printing job on our newsletter!

We are happy to open our museum to group tours by appointment. The hours can be flexible.

Newsletter Sponsor

This quarter's newsletter was sponsored by a \$100 donation from one of our special members.

We really appreciate your continuing support!

SEBASTIAN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. PUBLICATIONS

Tales of Sebastian \$20

More Tales of Sebastian \$20

Even More Tales of Sebastian \$20

A Guide to Historic Sebastian & Roseland \$4.00

On sale at the Sebastian Area Historical Museum and the Chamber of Commerce.

Visit the Museum Gift Shop for books, postcards, gifts, and more!



**Sebastian Grammar School
built c. 1927 - home of the
Sebastian Area Historical Museum**

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At the November Board Meeting, the following SAHSI officers were elected:

Kathy McDonald, president and curator

Ellen Stanley, treasurer

Phil Bova, recording secretary

Officers' terms are for one year, or until a successor is elected.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy McDonald, *President & Museum Curator*

Ellen Stanley, *Treasurer*

Phil Bova, *Recording Secretary*

Bud O'Neill

Patty Harris

Dot Judah

Mikey Starck

Lynn Walsh

Honorary Members:

Wilma Bertling

Ron Gabor

Shirley Kilkelly

Anne Michael

Harry Tanner

Rene VanDeVoorde

MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew membership now! Help support your museum of local history, the Sebastian Area Historical Museum. If you have not already paid, you may pay now for 2017 membership due January 1.

Individual Membership: \$15.00 Family Membership: \$25.00

Or contact SAHS for our complete list of Membership levels.

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