



# Sebastian Area Historical Society, Inc.

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## SAHSI NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow SAHSI Members:

We have had so many wonderful visitors from all over the United States visiting the museum in the last few months. What a joy!



Our Library Presentations for January with "Caboose" Mikey Starck speaking on Flagler's Railroad and Libby Woodruff sharing the history of the Florida Highwaymen in February were certainly enjoyed by all. We're looking forward to hearing from our own Ellen Stanley, editor of this newsletter, about her latest book, "Pioneering Sebastian and Roseland" at the N. Indian River County Library on Wednesday, March 15th. at 7 p.m. Once again the SAHSI will have a booth at the Pelican Island Festival on March 18th. at Riverview Park. We'll be there from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be raffling off a set of the "Tales" books. Stop by and visit us at the booth on the 18th. The Sebastian Train Depot, which has been in Fort Pierce for the last few years, is going to be coming back to Sebastian. A Sebastian entrepreneur is in the process of moving the depot back to Sebastian to be repaired and used as a business establishment. Keep a look out for the train depot coming down U. S. Highway One. A special Thank You goes out to Tim Kiminsky for sharing with us over 500 photos of the Kroegel family. These photos will be digitally copied and shared with our visitors at the museum. The education fund has received another very generous donation too. Special thanks go out.

Wishing you a wonderful Spring,  
Kathy McDonald

### MEMBER NEWS

The annual Christmas Dinner of the SAHS board members was held at the Roadside Restaurant. Great food and lots of fun! Our thanks to the courteous and efficient folks there.



SAHSI Board Members, Friends and Families

### Connie Ward

Under the sponsorship of the Almeda Toomey Literary Foundation, and with the support of SAHSI, Connie Ward, a retired teacher, is working with Fellsmere students at the Marian Fell Library to improve literacy. Ms. Ward has received a Senior Volunteer of the Year Award and she has also received a proclamation by the City of Fellsmere acknowledging her 15 years of volunteer service with the Children's Enrichment Programs in Fellsmere. We are pleased to have a part in this important enterprise.

*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*

SAHSI welcomes new board member Scarlett Chesser. Thanks so much for joining us, Scarlett! We are happy to have your participation.



**Do you want to know the fascinating details of local history?** Read all about it in Ellen Stanley's new book, *Pioneering Sebastian and Roseland*, coming out soon. Look for it at the museum gift shop, local stores and online. Get a preview at the March 15<sup>th</sup> program at the library.

*Here's a bit of local history:*

From the 1850's when local cattle herds began to grow, through the cattle wars of the 1860's and 1870's, cattle ruled. Hogs, too. They roamed unfenced in this part of the state, free to trample yards and eat gardens. Homeowners were obliged to fence their property to keep them out. The school was likewise fenced for the same reason, as was the church. They became a nuisance on railroad tracks and in the streets, also. In spite of public opinion, cattle and hogs continued to run free until 1949 when legislation was passed at last. The cattle industry had to begin the expensive proposition of fencing their herds and dipping the cattle for ticks. The free-range era of cattle ranching was over, also making it possible to control and improve the herds.



## PROGRAMS

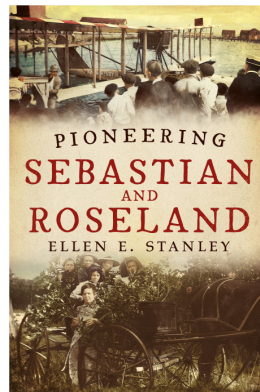
*The Sebastian Area Historical Society, Inc. provides thought-provoking and educational programs given by local speakers pertaining to the dynamic heritage our county enjoys. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments are provided and an opportunity to interact with the speakers 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.

**March 15, 2017**

*Pioneering Sebastian and Roseland,*  
by Ellen Stanley, Author.

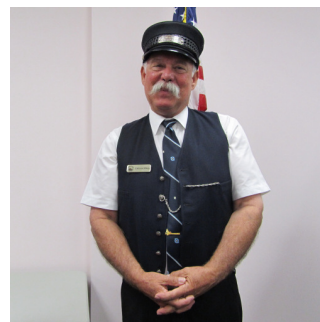
This final lecture of the season presents history and some of the interesting individuals of this area.



Author Ellen Stanley

In January, the always popular Mikey Starck spoke on the subject of railroads to a packed house. The public is eagerly awaiting the next installment.

Elizabeth Woodruff, of the City of Fort Pierce gave a very interesting and informative talk on the local Florida Highwaymen artists at the February program.



Caboose Mikey Starck



Elizabeth Woodruff



## MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

SAHSI donations for this year has been all about photographs – marvelous acquisitions!

Tim Timinsky is allowing SAHS to make digital copies of some of his family's early photographs of the area.

A collection of the Rice family photographs has been donated, with some miscellaneous items.

We are happy to open our museum to group tours by appointment. We love to have area students become acquainted with historical items in the museum. The hours can be flexible.



Paul Kroegel Home, Sebastian

### Newsletter Sponsor

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

*We really appreciate your continuing support!*

We especially welcome all of our new members. It is wonderful to have the support of so many new members, and of all of our long-time members, too. Have you visited the museum recently? Stop by and see new additions.

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

## 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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### Pelican Island Festival

This great event is coming up March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00pm, in Sebastian's Riverview Park! Be sure to visit our Sebastian Area Historical Society booth manned by volunteers who will be happy to answer your questions, or sign you up as a new member! Join then if you haven't yet become a member.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Kathy McDonald, *President &  
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## 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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