



Sebastian Area Historical Society, Inc.

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SUMMER 2016

SAHSI NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow SAHSI Members:

With the Snowbirds returning north, there's plenty of room at the museum for visitors. No waiting lines and we're air conditioned. Come on by. We will be closing the museum for the months of July and August. This will give us an opportunity to do some much needed maintenance and upgrades. If you can volunteer to help out, please call.



We were delighted to have 44 home schooled students and their parents visit us in March. Our volunteers did a great job making each of the students feel right at home. Our Library Presentation for March with Bob Gross speaking about the Civil War on the Indian River was a great success! Thanks so much, Bob. The Pelican Island Festival on March 12th. at Riverview Park was a wonderful day, as always. The winner of the set of the "Tales" books was our own Harry Tanner. It was a super way to end the day. On April 27th. at the City Council meeting, I had the honor of receiving a Proclamation from the City of Sebastian recognizing May as National Historical Preservation Month. It's vital that the public realizes the importance of preserving our Sebastian area history and that the Society is here to safeguard that history.

A special Thank You goes out to Dr. Dietrich Ahnert for donating 2 model boats and cases. The Blue Shadow, a 1778 Brigantine from the US Navy and the North Sea Crab Cutter are a wonderful addition to our museum.

Wishing you a peaceful, relaxing Summer,

Kathy McDonald

MEMBER NEWS



Kathy McDonald & Mayor McPartlan

At the Sebastian City Council Regular Meeting on April 27, 2016, Mayor Bob McPartlan presented Sebastian Area Historical Society President Kathy McDonald with the Proclamation declaring May 2016 National Historic Preservation Month. He relayed his thanks for all that the society has done.

There was a nice turnout at the SAHSI booth at the Pelican Island Festival. What a great day! We loved the opportunity to talk to people about SAHSI's involvement in local history. Harry Tanner won the drawing of a set of the three Tales of Sebastian books.



Teddy Roosevelt portrayer Joe Wiegand with Ellen Stanley at the SAHSI booth



Our busy booth at the



Pelican Island Festival

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

More Member News

Even though the museum will be closed for the months of July and August, the staff will be busy with museum renovations. The less busy summer months provide a good opportunity to spend some time refurbishing the museum. New display cases will be coming in, and some other changes will be made. Want to help? Let us know. Come and look over what we have done, in September.

Kathy McDonald and Ellen Stanley made a field trip to Stuart recently. It is always a fun visit to see what other museums in the area are doing. Have you visited the Stuart Heritage Museum in the downtown area in the old feed store? It is a lively place with much to look at. The other stop was at the only House of Refuge still in existence. It is now a little museum, furnished as it was when it was in operation, sheltering shipwrecked individuals.



House of Refuge

In March the SAHSI museum was treated to a visit from home-schooled children. They were very interested in the exhibits, especially in some of the very outdated and unfamiliar objects, such as the old telephone and typewriter.



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.

2015 - 2016 Program Schedule Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The last SAHSI program of the 2015-2016 season at the library was presented March 16, 2016, by Bob Gross, Mosquito County Historian, on the Civil War activity on the Indian River. Who would have guessed the number of vessels on both sides of the conflict that plied the Indian River! What a great lecture. He told tales of smuggling and captured ships. Dot's refreshments were a real crowd-pleaser.



Programs will start up again in the fall. Let us know if you have any suggestions for a lecturer.

Newsletter Sponsor

This quarter's newsletter was sponsored by a \$100 donation from:

Anne Michael

Anne, we really appreciate your support!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS SEBASTIAN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Donations from the public are welcome at the museum. We are pleased to acquire any items of local historical interest. Here are the recently received donations:



Dr. Dietrich Ahnert has enriched our collections with these two gorgeous ship models that he built himself, this Navy Ship and the Crab Cutter, below. You have to see these!



This collection of hand tools used in Sebastian homes in the 1930's was donated by John and Barbara McManus.



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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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.

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