



# Sebastian Area Historical Society, Inc.

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## SAHSI NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow SAHSI Members:

We have been enjoying an increase in visitors to the museum as the Seasonal Residents come in to learn about Sebastian history and share it with their guests. It's very heartwarming to watch visitors, both young and old, enjoy the wonderful donated items on display.



Our Library Presentations for January with Pam Cooper speaking on historic buildings in Sebastian and Terry O'Toole sharing the history of the Sebastian Inlet in February were certainly enjoyed by all. Thank you Pam and Terry! There's a lot of interest in Sebastian about Bob Gross' upcoming presentation about the Civil War on the Indian River. Plan to join us at the North Indian River County Library on Wednesday, March 16th. at 7 p.m.

Of course, the SAHSI will have a booth at the Pelican Island Festival on March 12th. at Riverview Park. We'll be there from 10 a.m. thru 4 p.m. and will be raffling off a set of the "Tales" books. Last years winner purchased only 1 ticket and was delighted to win. Stop by and visit us at the booth on the 12th.

Everyone has an opportunity to get to know Teddy Roosevelt better on Friday evening, March 11th. at the Sebastian River High School. The Indian River County Historical Society is presenting an evening with Teddy Roosevelt at 7 p.m. Give them a call to obtain tickets.

A special Thank You goes out to Wilma Bertling for her recent very generous donations to the Society and also for sponsoring this newsletter. We were delighted to receive a donation of a Herta Tamburr painting from Mr. & Mrs. McManus, women's hats from the 1920's from Hilary Bianchi and a beautiful old fishing pole from Richard May. We're always glad to received donated items related to Sebastian history.

Wishing you a wonderful Spring,  
Kathy McDonald

### MEMBER NEWS

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the SAHSI board members held their annual Christmas Dinner at Roadside Restaurant in Sebastian.



Members enjoyed good companionship and a wonderful meal. This dinner is given annually as a tribute to the hard-working volunteers of the society.

Several of the SAHSI board members attended the Mullet Fish Fry February 6<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the Indian River County Historical Society outdoors at the Working Waterfront Museum in Sebastian. The weather cooperated, the food was good, and it was a great opportunity to view the museum there, as well. This was a great concept, promoting our local history.



Kathy & Wilma



Quite a Crowd!

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

#### VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteering through SAHSI is a rewarding experience, helping to preserve local history and make it available to the public. Want to find out how to help? Come by and see us, call, or e-mail. There are many ways a volunteer can serve, helping with exhibits, manning the desk, working on programs, or baking cookies! Tell us what you would like to do!



President Kathy McDonald does a great job presenting the library programs.



## 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.

There's just one program left this spring – don't miss it.

**March 16, 2016:** *The Civil War on the Indian River*, by Bob Gross, Mosquito County Historian



Pam Cooper

Wonderful programs were presented in January and February by Pam Cooper and Terry O'Toole. Pam really brings local history to life, and Terry was fascinating in his talk about the inlet history! The visiting whales at the Inlet were a great feature.



Terry O'Toole



Audience Questions

#### Newsletter Sponsor

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

#### Wilma Bertling

Wilma, thanks so much for sponsoring this newsletter, and for all of your other support of SAHS and generous donations.

**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 is one of the recently received donations:*



This bamboo fishing pole and reel was loaned to the museum by Richard May.



Here are 2 of the hats donated by Hilary Bianchi.

**More Member News**

Several groups of students will be visiting the museum on March 4<sup>th</sup>, along with some of the parents and teachers. We love getting the younger generation interested in and involved in local history, and the students really enjoy the items on exhibit. Their viewpoint can be unique and their enthusiasm is infectious. They are welcome guests.

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

Are you ready for the Pelican Island Festival? We are! This annual event will take place March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Riverview Park in Sebastian. Wouldn't miss it. Come visit us at our booth! Take part in the raffle! A set of the three *Tales of Sebastian* books is the prize.

**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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SAHSI 2015 Pelican Island Booth

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