



The Village Post

Fall 2015 – Winter 2016

The Heritage Village Museum Newsletter - compliments of the Pinellas County Historical Society

Junior Docents “Heat Up” the Summer at Heritage Village

The Junior Docent program at Heritage Village welcomes teens ages 12-17 each summer to gain volunteer hours for school and to support youth activities at Heritage Village. Starting with an intensive training, teens study local family histories centered around eight historic houses and focus on Pinellas and Florida history. They offer visitors, families and groups a “Passport Adventure” that includes fun hands-on activities located at EnterAction stations throughout the Village.

This year 37 teens offered Passport Adventures to over 1,300 summer campers who visited from all over Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties. The junior docents contributed over 2,000 hours of volunteer service this summer. In addition to tours, they assisted with keeping porches and walkways swept, planting the museum's front entrance and painting picnic tables.

For the second year in a row the Pinellas County Historical Society financially supported a part-time staff position to guide the teens and



Top Row L to R: Intern: Ernie Riddlebarger III, Juniors: Michaela Reynolds, Sarah Marschang, Maggie Egan, Ragen Holybee, Taylor Tveten, Charlotte Finnical, Victoria VanDomelen, and Rafael Diaz-Marroquin
Bottom Row L to R: Juniors: Connor Beal, Maxwell Gillespie, Solae Smith, and Alexandra Leavitt Lead: Tamisan Latherow-Soto

coordinate daily activities. Tamisan Latherow-Soto has been the junior docent lead for three years. She also provided an afternoon class for the teens featuring living history skills. Tami's classes included: making cow and goat cheese, basket weaving and creating a 1920's themed radio show.

Juniors also participated in wood working and quilting classes, learning traditional crafts from long ago. Adult volunteer Richard Samay led wood-working class using hand tools to craft a book stand, recipe box and Father's Day wood-burning plaque. Susan Cobb with the Largo Cracker Quilters engaged youth in the joys and heartaches of hand stitching a quilted pillow cover.

Interns Kelsey Timpone and Ernie Riddlebarger III, both 2015 high school

graduates, pitched in to greet groups, organize daily schedules and assist teens. Kelsey will attend SUNY College-Purchase Campus this fall majoring in Arts Management. Ernie, a past Junior Docent, will attend the University of Central Florida where he plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Returning Junior Docents Michaela

Reynolds and Luke Brantley and first year Rafael Diaz-Marroquin also lent a



Woodworker Richard Samay and Junior Docent Andrew Vuong.

greatly needed helping hand this summer as teen leaders. Special thanks to these teens, the Pinellas County Historical Society, and Heritage Village's adult volunteers and staff for their guidance and support.



Junior Docent Michaela Reynolds watches as a visiting tour group races to the finish line with their orange crates!

Museum News



As the fiscal year came to a close and fall drew near, county staff, PCHS and volunteers looked back on a season of physical improvements to our historical structures, archival assets and grounds.

Since our last newsletter:

- New HVAC units were installed in the Harris School and in the library and archives;
- Construction was completed on the McKay Creek Boat Shop;
- The Boyer Cottage was painted (interior and exterior) and the floor was sealed;
- The House of Seven Gables exterior was professionally washed and painted;
- The Sponge Warehouse exterior was professionally washed and painted;
- The McMullen House exterior was professionally washed and painted;
- New duct work was installed under the Plant-Sumner House;
- Various exterior porches and ramps were treated and sealed;
- The collection data base program was upgraded to a format that is sure to meet our needs for many years to come;
- A new black 6' chain-link security fence with new entrance gate was installed along our northern border;
- Junior Docents painted our picnic tables in anticipation of those fall school groups!

Other news: Marcella Piniero, our museum collections custodian for more than ten years, retired on May 1 to spend more time with family and friends. While we waited to fill the position, several volunteers stepped up to fill the void and assist with housekeeping in the historic structures and museum complex. They took on these chores in addition to the work they already do for us in other areas! Special thanks to all for getting us through the transitional hot summer months. In our next newsletter you'll meet some new staff members!

Until then --

Ellen Babb
Museum Operations Manager

News & Notes from the Pinellas County Historical Society



As we move into late 2015 and early 2016, members of the Pinellas County Historical Society (PCHS) are putting the finishing touches on our two signature events at Heritage Village. I hope you will attend our annual Country Jubilee on Saturday, October 24, and the Pinellas Folk Festival on Saturday, January 30. This upcoming year also marks an important milestone for both the Society and the Village: we will celebrate our fortieth anniversaries of preserving and sharing Pinellas County's history.

In November 1975, members of the Pinellas County Historical Commission decided to create a committee that would support plans to open a new museum then-known as Heritage Park. By early 1976, this committee took shape as a "friends" organization for the new site. During the Bicentennial year, PCHS officially incorporated and the first historic structures (the Plant-Sumner House and the House of Seven Gables) arrived on site.

To commemorate our long and strong partnership, PCHS will sponsor a four-part special lecture program as part of the Village's popular Speaking of History series. On October 11, November 8, January 17, and February 14, the Speaking of History series will include lectures and conversations with a theme of "The History of Our Heritage," a look back at important moments in the history of Heritage Village and the stories of how our historic buildings and features arrived.

I hope you will join us for these programs.

James Anthony Schnur
President, Pinellas County
Historical Society

The Pinellas County Historical Society Welcomes These New Members!

- Glenda Archer
- R. Fairlie Brinkley
- Kim Godfrey
- Charlie Bill and Janie Hamrick
- Rebecca Johns
- Hal and Linda Laros
- George and Nancy Pytlik

In Memory

Bonnie Lee Bowen	Dick Knisley
Norm Coats	Bob Koch
Lester Dailey	Alice Phillips
Helen Duck	Bill Saitta
Pat Goodall	Jay Tiffin
Mary Kiger	

Please consider including PCHS in your Estate Planning. Pinellas County Historical Society, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

PCHS Members, Watch Your Mail!

We've changed the Membership Renewal Form. Your membership card will now be included in an open-fold-return.

Friday, September 18, 2015, 6 p.m.
Annual Dinner, Pinellas Room

Tuesday, February 26, 2016, 6 p.m.
Pot Luck Dinner, Pinellas Room

May 6, 2016, 6 p.m.
Pot Luck Dinner, Pinellas Room



McKay Creek Boat Shop To Open at the Country Jubilee



Guests enjoy activities at the McKay Creek Boat Shop donor reception on April 25, 2015

We will be having the official ribbon cutting ceremony during the annual Country Jubilee on October 24. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors, the

McKay Creek Boat Shop is a reality. The preview open house for donors in April was festive and well-attended with 125 very important guests. Special thanks to the Clearwater Yacht Club for the hors d'oeuvres, the Carlouel Yacht Club for the desserts and Mary and Paul Jacobs for the beer and wine donations. The McKay Boat Shop is a major accomplishment and a great addition to Heritage Village in which everyone involved can take pride.

Our first exhibition will be focused on Clark Mills and his boats. There will be a couple of prams from the early days of the Optimist Pram story and example of a Windmill, the boat Clark designed to be the next step for young

sailors. The original Sun Cat will be on display after being kept in storage for a number of years. And of course joining them will be Honey, the 1947 Clark Mills built Snipe, which Francis Seavy sailed for almost 50 years, winning the Snipe nationals in 1951.

We are building our permanent collection of Pinellas County marine artifacts to be a comprehensive reflection of maritime history reflecting the integral part it has played in our county's history. In keeping with the mission of Heritage we will be planning for interactive educational exhibits to engage all ages in marine skills and history.

We are actively seeking more stories, photos, and artifacts to help create an all-inclusive history of the nautical life of Pinellas County. Thank you for helping us reach this mile marker. We hope you will continue to support us with funds and information as we begin to develop the exhibits.

Michael Jones, Project Manager

Heritage Village Festival Season is Just around the corner!

Hold these dates for the Pinellas County Historical Society's two biggest fundraisers – the Country Jubilee on **Saturday, October 24, 2015** and the Pinellas Folk Festival on **Saturday, January 30, 2016!** All proceeds benefit Heritage Village operations.

Start your holiday shopping early with a visit to the always popular **Country Jubilee** in October! Craft vendors, a huge flea market and book sale, traditional craft demonstrations, living history activities, tours of our historical homes, and an expansive food court are always crowd pleasers.



A \$2 per person gate donation is suggested for the 37th Country Jubilee.

NEW THIS YEAR! Experience the excitement as the McKay Creek Boat Shop, Heritage Village's newest structure, opens to the public!

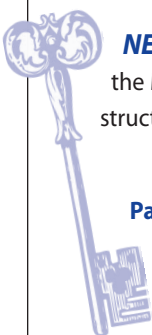
Celebrations continue in January with the **Pinellas Folk Festival**. Dozens of Tampa Bay area's premier folk musicians will spread the sounds of traditional folk, gospel, country and bluegrass music on stages throughout the village. Detailed information on all activities will be available on the Heritage Village website in January. www.pinellascounty.org/heritage



A \$5 per person gate donation is requested for adults and children over 12.



Parking for both events: Free parking and a shuttle to the event entrance will be located on 119th Street between Ulmerton and Walsingham roads. Handicapped parking and drop-off will be located in the parking lot at 12211 Walsingham Road, former home of the Gulf Coast Center for Fishing and the Gulf Coast Museum of Art.



2014 President's *Volunteer Service Award*

Please join us in congratulating this year's recipients of the new President's Volunteer Service Award, given to individuals who have served over 4,000 volunteer hours. During a recent Board of County Commissioners meeting two Heritage Village volunteers were honored with this prestigious award, receiving a personal letter from President Obama, a certificate and a pin.



L to R: Peggy Rowe, Director of Human Resources
Volunteer Cathy Blackburn
Pinellas County Commission Chair John Morroni

Cathy Blackburn reached a milestone of 4,852 volunteer hours. Since 2004, Cathy has served in a variety of volunteer roles including: Pinellas County Historical Society treasurer, PCHS 2nd Vice President, PCHS membership chair, and gift shop salesperson. Cathy also assists as a greeter for school groups and visitors.



L to R: Peggy Rowe, Director of Human Resources
Volunteer Richard Samay
Pinellas County Commission Chair John Morroni

Starting in 2011, **Richard Samay** reached over 5,000 volunteer hours this year. Richard is a lead volunteer on the maintenance team who brings years of experience in wood working and skilled craftsmanship to his work here at the Village. His knowledge and organizational skills assist every day with the care and restoration of our 31 historic structures.

Congratulations to Cathy and Richard!



Members of Tata Consultancy and their families strike a pose in front of the Heritage Village firehouse after a day of volunteering.

Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS) is the largest India based IT services company. At TCS, sustainability is seen as a state of being in balance between Corporate Economic Responsibility and Corporate Social Responsibility.

Beginning in 2012, the organization has donated over 200 volunteer hours to Heritage Village, helping with important curatorial caretaking projects. These include applying finish to the exhibit space at the McKay Creek Boat Shop and detailing the interiors of the Union Academy, Harris School and Walsingham House. They have also helped with preparations for special events and holiday decorating.

Corporate volunteering at Heritage Village builds awareness of local history activities and gives members the opportunity to share cultural heritage and foster corporate and social responsibility - a tradition at Tata Consultancy Services. Tata volunteers enjoy gathering their friends, family and co-workers to bring smiles, beauty and historic preservation to Heritage Village.

The "Caretaker" volunteer position is now open for recruitment. Work with staff to learn museum procedures for the care and upkeep of historic houses, artifacts and collections. Volunteer caretakers use historical preservation techniques and provide detailed attention to artifacts, interior spaces and entranceways. Be a part of the Heritage Village volunteer team!

Included on the Heritage Village 4,000 hour volunteer plaque from previous years are:

- Joyce Pickering, 2003
- Jay Dobkin, 2005
- Betty Sarine, 2005
- Hank Hardy, 2008
- Jane Doyle, 2010
- Rosemarie Kafer, 2011
- Alice Phillips, 2012
- Jody Stanley, 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11909 125th Street North, Largo, FL 33774 • (727) 582-2123

Hours: Wednesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. • Sunday 1 p.m.–4 p.m. • Closed Monday, Tuesday and county holidays.

Visit our website for further details! www.pinellascounty.org/heritage

schedule of activities subject to change

See It–Do It–Share It

Festivals & Events



Country Jubilee*

October 24, 2015 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holidays at the Village*

November 28, 2015 –
January 3, 2016

Pinellas Folk Festival*

January 30, 2016 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

* Sponsored by
The Pinellas County Historical Society

Heritage Village
Archives & Library
Largo, Florida

For more information or to make
an appointment, please call **582-2128**.

Education

For Teachers

www.pinellascounty.org/heritage/for_teachers.htm

- Pop into History – “Enter-Action” History Fun!
- School For A Day
- Heritage Village History Kits



Speaking of History Lecture Series

Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Pinellas Room

Call (727) 582-2233 for further details or visit our website at
www.pinellascounty.org/heritage

During the 2015-2016 year, both Heritage Village and the Pinellas County Historical Society (PCHS) celebrate their fortieth anniversary. The first four “Speaking of History” programs retrace the history of the Village and the structures that moved to our site.

Presenter: **James Anthony Schnur**, President, Pinellas County Historical Society.

October 11, 2015

“The History of Our Heritage #1: The Creation of a Village”

November 8, 2015

“The History of Our Heritage #2: Expansion during the Early 1980s”

January 17, 2016

“The History of Our Heritage #3: Preserving Our Past in an Urbanized County”

February 14, 2016

“The History of Our Heritage #4: New Initiatives in the New Millennium”

March 13, 2016

“Images of Seminole”

Learn about the Seminole and Oakhurst areas in this program that describes the history of Pinellas County’s ‘youngest’ city as well as the Greater Seminole area.

Historic House Caretakers Needed!

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Unique Volunteer Opportunities

Docent Tour Guide: Are you curious or interested about architecture, historic houses, Pinellas County or Florida history? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge and passion with others? Then join our docents at Heritage Village and welcome visitors to our historic structures. Engage guests in conversation about community life, architectural styles, artifacts and more. One on one training and mentoring by experienced volunteers is provided.

Museum Greeters: Meet school groups, bus tours and visitors, provide tour information, help guests read their maps and answer questions in the field. Morning and afternoon shifts available.

Maintenance: Are you experienced with home or commercial repair or are you interested in historic preservation? Help staff with behind the scenes upgrades, light maintenance and simple repairs. Inside and outside work is available.

Grounds Assistant: Do you love the Florida piney woods? Help keep Heritage Village pathways, porches and walkways clear of debris and provide upkeep to plantings around historic houses. Heritage Village Garden volunteers provide interesting info on the history of agriculture, crops and growing vegetable gardens in Florida.

Call (727) 582-2125 or email pnoel@pinellascounty.org for further information.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer at Heritage Village

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Docent
- Greeters
- Interpreter
- Receptionist
- Maintenance
- Junior Docent
- Office Assistant
- Craft Demonstrator
- Gift Shop Volunteer
- Grounds Management
- Special Events Assistant
- Historic House Caretakers



For more information call (727) 582-2125 or e-mail pnoel@pinellascounty.org

Heritage Village Gift Shop



Discover unique items:

- Old-fashioned toys
- Local interest books
- Glassware & collectibles
- Citrus crate label post cards
- Home decor with a vintage flair
- Handcrafts... and more!

Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
727-582-2219

10% Discount for PCHS & FBG members
Operated by the Pinellas County Historical Society.
Proceeds benefit Heritage Village operations.

Become A Member

Become a member of the Pinellas County Historical Society and help support Heritage Village. Society membership includes a subscription to the Society's newsletter; invitations to special programs; use of the library and archives; 10% discount in the Gift Shop and participation in special interest projects.

Please write name the way you'd like it to appear in print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Please check one:

- Annual
- ☐ Junior Docent \$10
 - ☐ College Student \$10
 - ☐ Individual \$20
 - ☐ Family \$35
 - ☐ Contributing \$50
 - ☐ Sustaining \$100
 - ☐ Patron \$500
 - ☐ Benefactor \$1000

Make membership check payable to:
PCHS - Pinellas County Historical Society
727-582-2233

Mail to:
Pinellas County Historical Society
P.O. Box 4862
Seminole, FL 33775

Turner Bungalow Restoration Donors

Donors will be recognized on a plaque inside the restored bungalow when it opens to the public!

(Millennium, Century and Decade donors)

See website for current donor listing
www.pinellascounty.org/heritage

Millennium
\$10,000+

Century
\$1,000 - \$9,999

Decade
\$100 - \$999



For more information, please call the Museum Operations Manager at (727) 582-2127

Green Bench Supporters help preserve Pinellas County's Historical Home

Green benches dot the landscape at Heritage Village, providing a place to rest while strolling the winding paths among the historic buildings; to enjoy performances at stages during festivals; and to contemplate in this special environment.

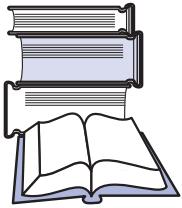
Celebrate a milestone event or honor a loved one by becoming a Green Bench Supporter. A commemorative plaque on a bench plus a prominently displayed recognition sign will be a visual expression of your commitment to preserving our past for future generations. Take a seat at Heritage Village and mark your place in history with your Green Bench contribution to help support the ongoing restoration and interpretation of our historic structures. Call (727) 582-2127 for more information.

Thank you to those recent supporters who have marked their place in history with a Green Bench contribution.

In Memory of
Charles Sr. and Jane Hamrick
Supporters – Charles Jr., Becky, Dawn,
Shannon and J.C.



Help Build the Heritage Village & Archives Library Largo, Florida



One Book at a Time

The Heritage Village Archives & Library provides answers to numerous research requests each month. To keep up with the demand for information, the Pinellas County Historical Society developed a program to help supplement this 3,500-volume library. You can help the Heritage Village Archives & Library continue to grow by making a minimum contribution of \$50 for a book to be purchased in memory or in honor of someone special to you or to celebrate a milestone event. Recognition of your gift will appear on a nameplate inside the book and will be noted in a leather-bound book displayed in the Archives & Library. For more information, please call (727) 582-2233.

Join us in recognizing these recent donations
to the Book Recognition Program

In Memory of Mable Wilcox
Pinellas County Historical Society

In Memory of Lester Dailey
Pinellas County Historical Society

McKay Creek Boat Shop Donors

Make your donation of \$250 or more by September 30, 2015
and be recognized on a commemorative plaque inside the Boat Shop
when it opens at the Country Jubilee on October 24, 2015!

(Admiral, Captain, Lieutenant, Ensign, Seaman donors)
See website for current donor listing
www.pinellascounty.org/heritage

Admiral	Captain	Lieutenants	Ensign	Seaman
\$5,000+	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250



Find out how you can get involved
call (727) 582-2233

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Be sure to visit Heritage Village's affiliate museum –



**The Gulf Beaches
Historical Museum**
115-10th Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
(727) 552-1610
www.gulfbeachmuseum.com



Be sure to also visit –



Palm Harbor Museum
2043 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
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