



The Village Post

Spring – Summer 2015

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

Circle of the Senses Welcomes All



Daniel and Cindy Peacock smile proudly.

On a beautiful November afternoon, the Pinellas County Historical Society and community partners rededicated Heritage Village's "Garden for the Blind" as the "Circle of the Senses."

Thirty years earlier another ribbon cutting in this same location dedicated the "Garden for the Blind." This first project was initiated by the Area Beautification Council and the county's Bicentennial Committee and was funded by the Council and Sears and Roebuck of Countryside Mall. Other early partners included Channel Markers of the Blind (formerly Lighthouse of Pinellas), the Garden Club of America, Williams and Walker Architects, the Pinellas County Historical Society, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

A few years ago one of our most exceptional and observant youth volunteers, Daniel Peacock, noticed that our "Garden for the Blind" needed some major sprucing up and approached our staff with a plan for refurbishing the garden. Plants were overgrown, Braille signs had become difficult to read, and the brick

pathways were unsuitable for visitors with mobility issues.

A small committee made up of Heritage Village staff, PCHS then-president RoseMarie Kafer, Daniel, and his mother Cindy Peacock sprang into action. The Seminole Lions Foundation donated funding for new Braille signage in memory of Lion member Charles Tribiano, and the Pinellas County Historical Society purchased the new plants.

Daniel and students from Richard L. Sanders School in Pinellas Park dug up the brick pathway around the gazebo, loading up 6 pallets of bricks in the process. Once the brick was up a county contractor laid the new ADA compliant flexi-pave pathway. On another day, volunteers from the US Navy Recruiters pledged a Day



Cutting the ribbon: left to right: Kent Ward, Heritage Village volunteer and Seminole Lion; Thomas Barnhorn, Mayor of Seminole and Seminole Lion; Cindy Peacock; Rosemarie Kafer, PCHS board member; Daniel Peacock; Mrs. Gloria Tribiano; Russell Neaman, Richard L. Sanders School; and Meredith Taylor, Lighthouse of Pinellas.

of Service here at the Village and pulled up the enormous palmetto roots around the new garden.

Meanwhile, Daniel and his mother, a University of Florida Master Gardener, planted new plants and restored others back to good health. These represent butterfly plants, turn of the century plants, and sensory plants. Some you can touch, some you can hear when the wind blows, others you can smell when you are close by or you touch them. And the garden will look, see, smell and feel differently by the season!

Come out and enjoy your delightful "new" garden – another beautiful, serene place to reflect on how the old becomes new again every day at Heritage Village!



Charley Hamrick and Meg Longoria entertain the audience.

Museum News



We have been warmed this past cold winter by the ongoing efforts of our hard working volunteers to make Heritage Village an educational and cultural destination to be enjoyed by visitors and residents alike.

Case in point: As I scurried through the breezeway one brisk

December morning, a visitor pulled me aside to ask if I worked here. When I told him I did, he said that he was someone who came back every year (often bringing others with him) and he just thought someone on staff should know that while he couldn't quite put his finger on what was different - he thought the Village had never looked better! Remarks like this are becoming commonplace as visitors go out of their way to tell us how much they appreciate what we are doing here at Heritage Village.

And I **DO** know what is making the difference. Our dedicated volunteers take ownership and pride in their work here at the Village, teaming up with staff to tweak the most intimate details of our daily operations and special projects. These include guest experiences from reception to tours and demonstrations; grounds, safety, maintenance and historic preservation activities; conservation, housekeeping and collections work; office and administrative functions; fundraising, programs and festivals; exhibits and unique undertakings like the McKay Creek Boat Shop and the 1967 Caboose restoration. I am sure I am still missing something.

During the first quarter of FY 15 alone (October 1, 2014 -December 30, 2014) 296 volunteers at Heritage Village contributed more than 9,000 hours of service. And this was before many of our volunteers returned from their summer homes after the holidays!

At the county level several individual and group honors were awarded to Heritage Village volunteers in recognition of their work. For the 2014 Partners in Public Service Awards:

- Individual GOLD: RoseMarie Kafer
- Group GOLD: Teams Turner – under lead volunteers Mary Chernesky, Joyce Pickering and Sue Tiffin
- Youth SILVER: Max Gillespie

A recognition coffee at Heritage Village on March 31 honored countless others for hours and years of service.

Congrats to all – and thanks to **everyone** who helps make a difference every day here at Heritage Village. **People notice!**

Ellen Babb
Museum Operations Manager

News & Notes from the Pinellas County Historical Society



As spring arrives, the Society celebrates another busy and successful winter season at Heritage Village. Thanks to many of our members who serve as docents or in other capacities at the Village, the Country Jubilee on October 25, 2014, and the Folk Festival on January 31 were quite successful. Beyond these well-attended and popular events, we are pleased to see the growing number of visitors who come to the Village everyday it is open.

Society members lend their experience and expertise to Heritage Village in so many ways. Whether volunteering in the Gift Shop, offering tours in the historic

structures, or helping to preserve our historical and archival treasures, PCHS members proudly support the Village and allow our Society to share its love of "Pinellas Heritage."

In the last newsletter, an article celebrated the work of Teams Turner. Volunteers, many of them PCHS members, devoted countless hours to processing a wide variety of materials that came along with the Turner bungalow donation. Knowing the value of the bungalow and the importance of finding ways to support its restoration, the PCHS board earmarked all proceeds from the Flea Market at the 2014 Country Jubilee to a specially designated account to assist with these efforts.

The "check" shown here represents more than a donation towards the bungalow's restoration: It also demonstrates our organization's ongoing commitment to improving the visitor experience at Heritage Village as we have for nearly forty years.

We appreciate your assistance and support. If you cherish Heritage Village and enjoy sharing our "Pinellas Heritage" with friends and family who live nearby or visit from afar, please consider joining our Society and getting involved at the Village.

James Anthony Schnur
President, Pinellas County Historical Society



Museum Manager Ellen Babb receives check for Turner bungalow restoration from PCHS board members, left to right: Natalie Hogan, Mary Chernesky, Cathy Blackburn, RoseMarie Kafer and Alyce Aldridge

The Pinellas County Historical Society Welcomes These New Members!

- Valerie Carpenter
- Frank Cirrincione
- Mike Eccles
- Brenda Edwards
- Joseph & Claudett Gosselin
- Sharon Harris
- Vel Jaeger
- Francis MacNamee
- Sylvia Mabe
- David Mackell
- Lisa Millsaps
- Marty Newman
- Pinellas Genealogy Society
- Jo Simpson
- Robert C Wood

PCHS Members, Watch Your Mail!

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

Saturday, April 25, 4:30 p.m.

McKay Creek Boat Shop Donor Reception

Friday, May 8, 6 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner, Pinellas Room

Friday, September 18, 6 p.m.

Annual Dinner, Pinellas Room





McKay Creek Boat Shop

The construction phase of our McKay Creek Boat Shop is almost complete. The exterior siding has been painted, and the interior walls are being paneled. The Boat Shop is based on the description of Clark Mills' Boat shop in Dunedin. The main work area where the boats will be displayed is 24' X 40', with a side room that is 12' X 40'. As a new building in the Village of historic structures, it is designed to be complementary to the existing buildings. It is framed out of southern yellow pine, with board and batten siding and a "tin" roof for that traditional "Cracker" look. It is exciting to reach this milestone in the project, and we are looking forward to starting to build the exhibits to showcase some of the rich maritime history of Pinellas County.

We continue to collect more stories and artifacts related to boats and boat building. At the Country Jubilee we previewed our most recent addition to our collection of boats, the 1947 Clark Mills built "Honey,"



Volunteer painters left to right: Gordon Springer, Sharon Butera, (sitting) Deborah Carter, Vanessa Reed, Thaxton Springfield, Kent Ward, Phillip Witt, Eric Rathmann. Missing from photo: Fred Belzel, Richard Samay, Roscoe Dobson, Destiny Presley, and Irene Rathmann.



Francis Seavy's Snipe, which he sailed to a National Championship in 1950. During the Pinellas

Folk Festival we show-cased the building process of the Optimist Pram. The Pram always brings back memories for many people about the boat in which they learned

to sail, in Pinellas County and around the world. It's always fun to hear and learn from those that saw the development first hand.

Michael Jones
Project Manager

The Pinellas County Historical Society will hold this annual fundraiser for Heritage Village on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

It's time for you to find out if you are sitting on a goldmine or saving sentimental keepsakes!

Tampa Bay area antiques experts will answer those burning questions at a fee of \$5 per item or \$12 for 3 items.

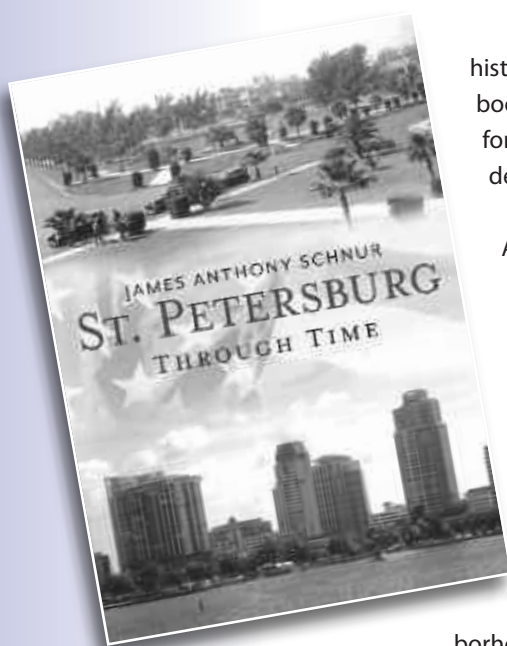
Specialties include:

- * Oriental rugs
- * Victorian jewelry
- * Americana
- * Rare and vintage books
- * Guns and armor
- * Clocks and pocket watches
- * Depression and other types of collectible glass
- * Pre-1950 dolls and much more!

Call (727) 582-2233 for information!



New Books *Celebrate* St. Pete and Seminole Area History



Jim Schnur, PCHS President, continues to research and publish histories of local communities in Pinellas County. A recently-released book offers a new photographic history of St. Petersburg, while a forthcoming publication will examine the settlement and development of the Seminole area.

St. Petersburg Through Time, a new release in Font Hill Media's America Through Time series, became available in November 2014. This 96-page book captures the history of the "Sunshine City" through archival and contemporary images—including full-color photographs—that richly detail transitions along the waterfront, in the downtown area, nearby and adjacent neighborhoods, and other parts of the city.

More than a "then-and-now" photographic history, the images and descriptive captions illustrate how significant landmarks have changed, how areas of the city have evolved, and how a small village grew into a substantial city while still retaining the charm and character of its many unique neigh-

borhoods. Author royalties from *St. Petersburg Through Time* support

the USFSP Digital Archive at USF St. Petersburg's Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.

Slated for release later in 2015 or early 2016, *Images of America: Seminole* will become the third Pinellas County history book Schnur has written for Arcadia Publishing's Images of America Similar to Largo (2011) and Madeira Beach (2013), the forthcoming history of Seminole will examine the Greater Seminole Area from a chronological perspective, focusing as well on themes such as pioneer life along the ridge, the development of groves and agriculture, and suburbanization after World War II.

Incorporated in November 1970, Seminole is Pinellas County's newest city. This book travels beyond municipal boundaries and examines the entire region. Royalties for Seminole will benefit both PCHS and the Seminole Historical Society.



St. Petersburg Yacht Club, mid-1920s

Roser Park, St. Petersburg, mid-1920s.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

schedule of activities subject to change

See It–Do It–Share It

Festivals & Events



Antique Appraisal Fair*

June 13, 2015 - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Country Jubilee*

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

Farm City Day Celebration

November 14, 2015

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Holidays at the Village*

November 28, 2015 –

January 2, 2016

Pinellas Folk Festival*

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

* Sponsored by The Pinellas County Historical Society

Heritage Village
& Archives
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Largo, Florida

For more information or to make
an appointment, please call **582-2127**.

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



Summer Programs

Black Pot Cooking Class

A “Black Pot Cooking Class” will be offered on the first Saturday each month from May through October; the class in July will be offered the second Saturday. The class will be held at Heritage Village from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Each class is limited to 10 participants; pre-paid registration required to hold a seat. Fee is \$30.00 for each session. Sponsored by the Pinellas County Historical Society. Please call (727) 582-2233 to register or for further information.

Passport Adventures

This summer Heritage Village is offering a “Passport Adventures” program for children ages 4-11. The two-hour hands-on history program is designed for summer camps, recreation, church and other groups. The sessions begin at 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, June 17- August. 7. The fee is \$3 per child. For more information, or to register for this program, call (727) 582-2125 or email heritagevillage@pinellascounty.org



Junior Docent Volunteers

Each summer, teens from Pinellas County join the volunteer team at Heritage Village and are provided a special training session. Approved as a Bright Futures volunteer location, Heritage Village's Junior Docent Program encourages teens aged 12 - 17 to learn about local and Florida history by participating in the fun action packed Passport Adventures program. For more information, or for an application, call

(727) 582-2125 or email heritagevillage@pinellascounty.org

Docents Needed!

Call (727) 582-2125 or
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for further information

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.

Historic House Caretaker: "Adopt an historic house" and provide special care and detailing utilizing historic house preservation guidelines.

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.

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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
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Heritage Village
Gift Shop



- D**iscover 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.

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Name: _____

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payable to:
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727-582-2233

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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)

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\$10,000+

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\$1,000 - \$9,999

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\$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 Mary Helen Kiger
Supporters – Her Children

In Memory of Marianne (Maus) Ocker
Supporters – Sabine, Andrea, Anja

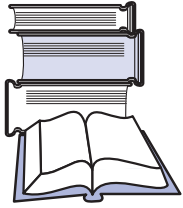
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St. Petersburg, Florida

Supporter - Cynthia Johnson Weatherby,
Regent (2014-2015)

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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

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McKay Creek Boat Shop

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Be sure to also visit –



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