



The Village Post

Spring – Summer 2016

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

Meet the Curatorial Team!



Left to Right: Volunteer Joyce Pickering, Patricia Landon and Heather Culligan confer at monthly Collections Meeting.

You may have noticed a couple of new faces at Heritage Village over the past several months. In January of this year, we welcomed Heather Culligan, our new **Curator of Collections**. In September of 2015, not long after Collections Custodian Marcella Piniero retired, we brought in our **Museum Specialist**, Patricia Landon. Together, they oversee our curatorial efforts, working closely with our collections, conservation, archives and library, housekeeping, and other volunteers.

Heather Culligan recently moved to sunny Tampa, Florida, from Atlanta, Georgia. As part of the Curatorial Team, Heather oversees the restoration and preservation of its historic structures, cares for the museum collection, and works on the Heritage Village exhibits. Prior to becoming the Curator of Collections at Heritage Village, Heather worked as the Collections Manager at the Atlanta History Center where she oversaw the care and preservation of the museum collection, the library and archives collection, and three historic homes. She co-taught the graduate level course "Collections Management in Museums" at the University of West Georgia. She is the



Heather Culligan with textiles exhibit at Magnolia Tea.

co-editor and co-author of the recent publication, *Basic Condition Reporting: A Handbook*. Heather has a master's degree in History from the University of West Georgia, with Graduate Certificates in Museum Studies and Public History, and is a graduate of the Georgia Archives Institute. She received a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Georgia.

Patricia Landon is here under the title of Museum Specialist. She completes a variety of tasks as part of the new Curatorial Team, focusing mainly on the curatorial and custodial housekeeping both in the historic

structures and the museum complex, as well as overseeing the archives and library. She is grateful to the dedicated volunteers, established and new, who help her accomplish her responsibilities in these areas. Prior to accepting this position, Patricia worked at the Gulf Beaches Public Library in Madeira Beach where she helped process the first local history collections at that facility. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, concentrating in Professional and Technical Writing, from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and a Master of Arts degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida. While pursuing her master's degree, she spent time volunteering at Heritage Village as part of her field work.

If you have not done so already, please introduce yourselves to our new Curatorial Team.

They are very excited to be here, and look forward to working with each and every one of you!



Patricia Landon and volunteer Mary Askew in the Archives and Library.

Museum News



It's been an exciting few months here at the Village as we welcomed new staff! We hope you enjoyed reading about Patricia Landon and Heather Culligan in the cover story; each will have a designated feature in future issues of the Village Post. You will learn more about our pro-

fessionals and the work they do as they share interesting items and perspectives from their respective areas of responsibility. Heather's "Collections Corner" will begin with this issue.

Be sure to come by later this summer and enjoy the newest installation of the Turner family exhibit created by Pattie Smith of frinadesign with content provided by staff and volunteers Joyce Pickering, Roscoe Dobson, Doug Crawford, and Sue Tiffin. Richard Samay and team installed the six wall panels which include information about individual family members, frontier life, a family tree, and a map with information showing Turner family contributions to Clearwater history. Almost all of the photographs came from the collection we inherited with the bungalow in 2014! Special thanks to the Pinellas County Historical Society for sponsoring this exhibit.

Steve Sheets 1951-2016 (110)

Finally, we are saddened to report the passing of former staff member, Stephen J. Sheets. We remember Steve as a hardworking member of our maintenance team who worked at Heritage Village from 1980-2008. During and after his employment with Heritage Village, Steve also volunteered his time as a blacksmith at special events. He and his wife Sofia were Civil War reenactors, and for many years Steve played a major role coordinating activities for our annual Civil War skirmish. Steve, a military veteran, also belonged to the Scottish Military Society. He is fondly remembered by his co-workers and fellow volunteers.

Ellen Babb
Museum Operations Manager

News & Notes from the Pinellas County Historical Society



Greetings from your President! Have you noticed how spruced up and cleaned up the Village looks? We have received many compliments about the appearance of the Village. And the principal reasons for this are due to Heritage Village staff leadership, County support, Volunteers, and PCHS committed funds of over \$12,000 this year alone towards several large projects.

WORK

- Boyer Cottage: tented and painted;
- Moore House washed;
- Plant-Sumner House: repairs to the air conditioner and ducts; washed and painted;
- Safety Harbor Church: washed and painted;
- House of Seven Gables: washed, painted, tented, and rotted wood replaced;
- Walsingham House: tented and rotted wood replaced;
- Lowe House: tented, washed and painted;
- Lowe Barn: tented;
- H.C. Smith Store: washed;
- Greenwood House: washed and painted;
- Bandstand: washed, painted and rotted wood replaced.

FUN

- For the first time, our Annual Magnolia Luncheon was free to our Membership. We all enjoyed a delicious tea with finger sandwiches, scones, mini quiche, and a variety of deserts. Patricia B. Smith introduced us to Margaret Tobin Brown, "The Unsinkable Molly," with an educational and fun talk. Some of our very own Heritage Village textile collection was on display for everyone's enjoyment.

ACCOLADES

- Joyce Pickering, PCHS Member and Volunteer, reached 10,000 hours of volunteering at Heritage Village. A small gathering for Joyce took place to thank her for her years of service, including inputting our collection into a computer data base. Sandy Wilson, south county volunteer coordinator for Parks and Conservation Resources, joined us for this momentous occasion.
- During our May Pot Luck we presented a \$2,500 Scholarship to Luke Brantley, a six year junior docent at Heritage Village. Luke is a graduate from Seminole High School who will attend the University of Tampa. Our best wishes go out to Luke.
- We received a Meritorious Achievement Award from the Pinellas Genealogy Society. It will be displayed in the PCHS office.

RoseMarie Kafer, President

The Pinellas County Historical Society Welcomes These New Members!

Robert Connell
Bob Croslin
Heather Culligan Family
Susan E Daugherty
Karen & Daniel Flannery
Don & Barbara Forehand
Richard (Rick) Gray
Richard & Ruth Griffin
Kimberly Beasey & Joshua Hanning
Alexa Wilcox-Huegel
Patricia Landon
Anne Marie McCauley
Peggy McFarland
Kim & Maureen Nelson
Judith Fleiss & Michael Peckman
Irene Rathmann
Martha St Germaine
John & Beverly Schilthuis
Laura Stetson

In Memory

Earl Crowell
Marjorie Heywood
Alva L. Jones
Marjorie Kersey McLaughlin
Larry Romig, Sr.
Stephen J. Sheets
Jim Weinert

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 16, 2016, 6 p.m.
Annual Dinner, Pinellas Room



Collections Corner



Preservation of the Old Stuff

Preservation means a lot of things to the staff and volunteers at Heritage Village. From historic structures to an

expansive museum collection to treasures in the library and archives, we take the task of caring for the history of Pinellas County seriously.

What is preservation of an artifact? It means to protect the artifact from agents of deterioration in an effort to prolong its life for future generations. Agents of deterioration include temperature, relative humidity, light, pests, mold, and yes, sometimes people. All of these cause damage to artifacts, some of which can be permanent.

Light, for example, causes permanent and irreversible damage. Evidence of light damage is most obvious in the fading of objects, especially textiles, wood, and paper items. Ultraviolet rays from natural light or fluorescent light cause chemical reactions within an object, resulting in the physical evidence of light damage. The chemical reactions within the object continue even after it is removed from light exposure.

We install shades and curtains on the windows of our historic structures to prevent light damage. While they do not filter ultraviolet rays, they do reduce the amount of light entering the structure. In some cases, the shades cover the entire window. This is done to prevent further light damage to artifacts and floors.

How can you protect your family heirlooms? Keep items out of direct sunlight or direct interior lighting. If you see changes in your item, such as fading, consider moving the object to an area with less light exposure. However, avoid housing items in a basement, attic, or an area with little air movement or excessive temperature ranges. These conditions will damage the item.

With proper care, light damage can be prevented. Let's all strive to be the best caretakers of the old stuff!

Heather Culligan
Curator of Collections

The Pinellas County Historical Commission

Did you know that the Pinellas County Historical Commission (PCHC) began in 1961, providing and overseeing a variety of historical and preservation services to the citizens of Pinellas County?

In the past, the commission recommended the marking of monuments, forts and historic sites in Pinellas County and maintained the historical inventory of sites and buildings for Pinellas County and its municipalities. These responsibilities now fall to the Pinellas County Planning Department and the affiliated Historic Preservation Board.

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/historic/default.htm>

However, the work of the historical commission remains a vital source of support to Heritage Village and this was reaffirmed at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on May 10. The BOCC passed a new resolution supporting the continued service of the PCHC and clarifying their evolved role as an advisory board to Heritage Village.

The historical commission consists of nine members who serve four-year terms: each of the seven Board commissioners nominates one member for appointment by the Board. In addition, the Junior League of Clearwater/Dunedin (the organization that helped start Heritage Village) and the Pinellas County Historical Society each appoint one member. Meetings are held quarterly at Heritage Village and in the community. To find out more, call Museum Operations Manager Ellen Babb at 727-582-2127.



Front row, left to right:
Pinellas County Historical Commissioners Neil McMullen, Terry Fortner, Wayne Ayers, Bob Croslin, and Margaret Michaels (Missing from photo: Sandy Bozeman, Carla Bristol, Jim King, James A. Schnur)

Back row, left to right:
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners: Pat Gerard, John Morroni, Janet C. Long, Charlie Justice, Karen Williams Seel, Dave Eggers (Missing from photo Kenneth T. Welch)

ESTATE PLANNING

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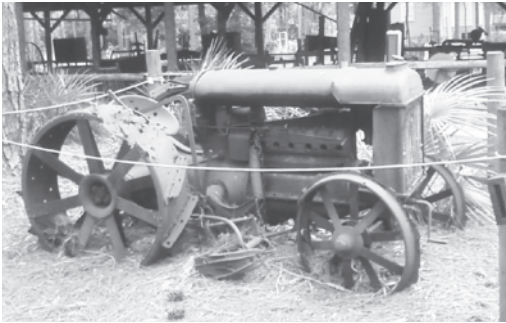
Village People - Team Coachman

This 1926 tractor, once used at the Coachman Groves, sat outside in the elements at Heritage Village. We believe that the original intent of the donation many decades ago was to allow visitors to imagine a tractor broken down in the field and abandoned by its owner.

But over time, the cumulative effects of sun, sand, and rain led to an advanced state of deterioration. This spring our volunteer preservation team, under the direction of lead volunteer Richard Samay, worked to raise the tractor back up, providing a stable foundation and roof overhead. The tractor – an important part of our Pinellas agricultural history - is getting a lot of attention from visitors now that it is beautifully framed and properly housed!

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The 1926 tractor once owned by S.S. Coachman sits near the demonstration shed at Heritage Village before preservation work begins.

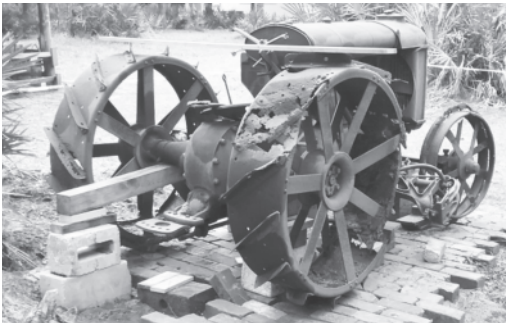


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Almost ready for the cedar shingle roof!

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For protection and safety, the tractor is raised slowly using multiple jacks. Meanwhile, volunteers lay a brick path underneath.



6

A front view of the finished shelter and protected tractor...

3

The wooden cradle, built in place to hold the tractor above the bricks, stabilizes the farm vehicle overall while supporting it in four main areas.



7

And another from the side!

4

Preservation volunteers build roof rafters.



8

Lead Preservation Volunteer Richard Samay.

Left to right: Jim Held, Tom Rapson, Harry Kleedorfer (partially blocked), Greg Krause, Daniel Peacock, and Ron Sacra. Richard Samay taking photo. (Missing from photo is volunteer Kent Ward.)

Pinellas Voices Can Also be Read!

In 2007, Heritage Village embarked upon an oral history initiative utilizing the services of a young journalist and USF Florida Studies graduate, Edward Woodward. Over a period of several months, Mr. Woodward researched, interviewed, and processed oral histories of 18 individuals countywide. The program, titled "Pinellas Voices," captured the memories of men and women affiliated with the interpretive themes of agriculture, coastal living, tourism, and community life.

- Robert Abben – WSUN radio at Million Dollar Pier in St. Petersburg
- Lena and Lou Brown, Jr. – education and family real estate business
- George M. Casey – the Casey Dairy
- Charles F. Curtis II – developer, swimming pool builder
- Ken Harrington – beach tourist industries
- Emmett Hood, Jr. – the Hood Dairy
- Willie Marcor – African American life in Dunedin, family history
- Dianne McDonald – one of first mermaids at Weeki Wachee Springs
- Carol McGlaughlin – family owned Merri-Mac motel on Clearwater Beach
- Robert J. McMullen – Pinellas citrus, cattle and poultry businesses
- Alfred Quarterman – African American life in Tarpon Springs, work with Rose Cemetery
- Donna Ransom – Ransom Fish House at Indian Rocks Beach
- Louise Ward Flint Slansky – family life at the Manhattan Hotel in St. Petersburg
- Rachel Spilman – family history in Tarpon Springs
- Jay B. Starkey, Jr. – early life at the Ulmerton Ranch and move to Pasco County; agricultural ventures
- Gene Turner – boat builder
- George Aiken Ulmer – citrus hauler
- Robert Wilkins – grove worker

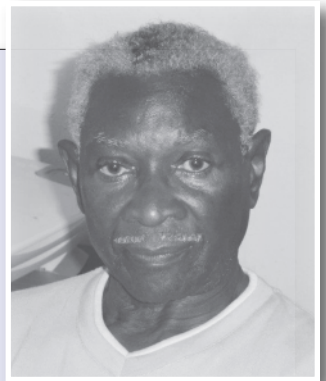
In addition to the oral histories themselves, Mr. Woodward also compiled a detailed written summation of each interview. What follows are the **first two paragraphs** from one of those interviews. To read the full summaries of the "Pinellas Voices" interviews on-line, visit our website at www.pinellascounty.org/heritage or call the Heritage Village Archives and Library at (727) 582-2128 Tuesday-Thursday.

Alfred Quarterman

Alfred Quarterman was born in 1929 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. He recalled a music and dance gathering on weekends known as a "Nassau Shake," led by Caribbean migrant workers who came to Tarpon Springs to work in the sponging, fishing and saw mill industries. For instruments they used mouth harps, washboards, a pot with sticks, their voice, a jug to blow into, and spoons that they rapped against the knee or thigh.

"Through this music would be ... a pace there where everybody is jumping and dancing and hollering and having a good time," recalled Quarterman, who watched the gatherings when he was about 10 years-old, but didn't participate. "In our own way we tried to imitate by doing our little shake," he laughed.

Quarterman remembered scalloping and fishing for food, not sport. He caught red fish and sheepshead in Spring Bayou using shrimp and fiddler crabs. He described catching the fiddler crabs as a "round up," running them into a bucket. Sometimes his family bought mullet for 10 to 15 cents a pound from men driving through the neighborhood with fish on ice in truck beds.....



Historic House Caretakers Needed!

"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!

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.

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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



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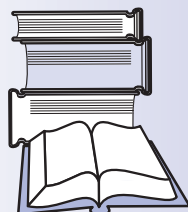
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One Book at a Time

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.

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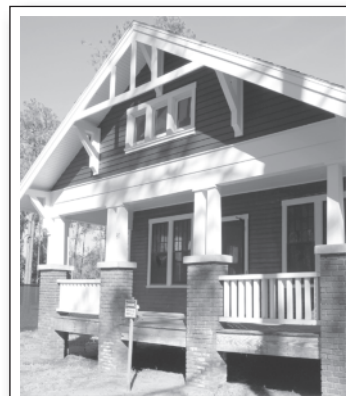
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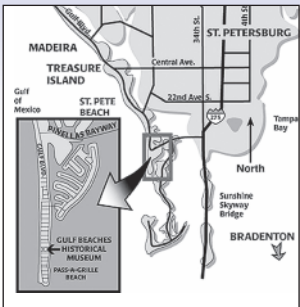
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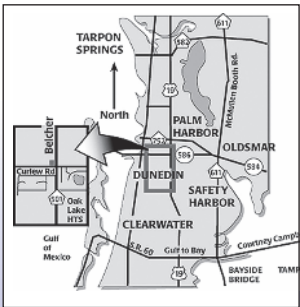
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Explore the history of the Pinellas Peninsula as you wander the winding paths through the native pine and palmetto landscape.