



Museum of the Islands Fall 2025 Newsletter



Views from the Past



by Karen Hartshorne, President

This Summer was a warm one. Time to cool off now and have some fun. We have our Christmas Open House coming up on December 6th from 9am - 1pm. This is our biggest event of the year, so please join us. We would love to see you.

New flip chart pages are being worked on. Wait till you see who all is in these.

We are slowly adding Newsletters from past years into our archives. You may view them [here](#).

If you aren't a member, or would like to join please visit the museum, or [mail in your form](#).

Looking for something to do that is fun and helps others? Volunteer at the museum. We would love to have you join our team.

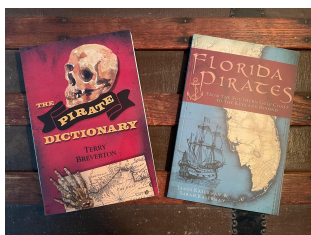
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We've Been Busy!

We've added a new Exhibit

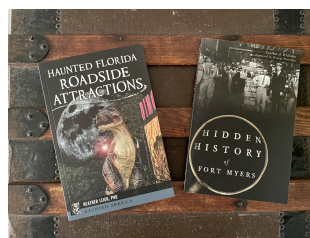
We have a new exhibit up in the museum, Golf in the Southwest Florida Islands. Golf on Useppa, Sanibel and Boca Grande in the early days. Golf clubs, headcovers, golf balls, post cards, hats, plus fours, score card book, and bags are some of the things you will see. There are also binders with information on the Pros that were here with photographs and news articles inside.



We've been stocking our Gift Shop



Our gift shop is stocked with goodies. Cozy up with one of our unique Pine Island afghans and a good book. We have Museum of the Islands t-shirts, original artwork, and framed reproductions of photos you love.



Our beautiful Christmas ornaments are out all year long. Come by and add to your collection. They make great gifts too.



We've been having fun

Good time helping the Kiwanis at Mango Mania and with the children decorating mangos.



We've been painting history

You have to love it to paint in the heat. Starting early in the morning is key. You might have seen us out around the island.



Our Curator Vickie is not only great in the museum, but teaches us about the history of the places we paint. Studying the past is not just for inside, but very much alive outside. As we sit and paint listening to the birds and water, we immerse ourselves into the history of the island.



We've also been painting inside the museum. Our [schedule](#) will tell you where we are painting.

The Pine Island Plein Air Artists, Painters of History group welcomes you to join us.

Don't let 'Artist' in the title discourage you. Bring your own supplies, the cost is free and all ages are welcome.

To view our schedule visit [Paint](#) on the museum's website. You may also join the group on Facebook.



Later This Year

Our Christmas Open House is December 6th from 9am - 1pm. We will have booths by local people, and free admission to the museum. Come join the fun!

Member Meetings will be scheduled soon. The public is always invited. If you are not a member yet, or would like to renew your membership you may visit our [page](#), or come into the museum and see us.

Right now we are open 11am-3pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Our Winter Hours start in November where we will be open 11am-3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

We are closed on Sundays and Mondays but welcome special events arranged with us. Please let us know if we may help.

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