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MEETING DEC. 7 -
BOB MACOMBER**

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015

FROM THE FRONT DESK

Welcome back to all of our snow birds! The Museum of the Islands (MOTI) is back on the regular "Season Hours" — Tuesday through Saturday, 11-3, and Sunday afternoons 1-4. We are also beginning our monthly meetings at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church. The meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and each meeting features an excellent speaker from the local area. The public is invited.

Our Christmas Open House will be held on December 5th, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. We have some exciting vendors lined up for the event, along with local author, Carol Elrod, who will be signing her book *GOAT WATER IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK*.

Discounts will be available in the Gift Shop, where we have a variety of books, cards, jewelry, new Christmas ornaments, and more.

SPEAKER SERIES: From the Podium ...

DECEMBER 7, 2015 — 7:00 PM — Fishers of Men Lutheran Church

BOB MACOMBER, local award winning, internationally acclaimed author, and lecturer. His topic will be: "Joint Army-Navy Civil War Operations on the Florida Gulf Coast and the Two Men Who Made it Work." Two senior commanders of the Florida Union forces worked together to forge a relentless campaign against their Confederate enemy in a combat environment unlike anywhere else in the Civil War. Bob also has a new book (*Assassin's Honor*) that has just been released, and he will sign books purchased at the meeting.

MUSEUM TOURS ... Please contact Carolyn Murphey to arrange a tour of MOTI for individuals or groups.

239-283-6266

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For information on activities and events, visit the website.

MEMBERSHIP

As we begin another year, I am still amazed that so many Pine Islanders either don't realize that we have a Museum or know we have one, but have never visited it! So, I not only encourage all our members to renew their memberships for the coming year but also to "talk up" MOTI to your friends and neighbors. Our Family Membership is an especially good deal. With it you can bring your children and grandchildren with you for no extra charge. For young kids we have a "treasure hunt", which they love, and can get a small prize for participating. .

VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers. Can you join our team by giving at least four hours a month of your time? You will meet great people and play a major role in keeping our rich history alive. MOTI is the only place in the area that preserves our past for future generations. We are always looking for a few more "good men and women" to volunteer at the museum. If you would like to become a MOTI volunteer, please call Ced at 239-283-5050 or 239-850-9850. We will work with you to accommodate your schedule.

TOURS

Don't forget about MOTI when you are looking for interesting activities for your guests. Our tours are a great way to spend an hour or so and learn all about the history of our special island. Call the museum at 283-1525 to arrange for a guide (10 people or more).



*Be sure to
remember our
Gift Shop
when you are
looking for
that special
gift!*



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 5, 2015—9:00 AM—1:00 PM

BOOK SIGNING—CAROL ELROD

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ARTS & CRAFTS; PLANTS

PHOTOGRAPHY ITEMS; JEWELRY;

HAND MADE CLOCKS;

ALCOHOL INK TILES

DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS

LIVE MUSIC BY ISLAND FRANK

FREE REFRESHMENTS

We need plants! You can bring them early on the morning of the sale, or leave them at the museum the day before.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 5—
9:00 AM-1:00PM

Christmas Open House — Live Music by Island Frank; Refreshments; Special Christmas Items; Book Signing by Carol Elrod

Dec. 7—7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting—Fishers of Men Lutheran Church. Pine Island Center — Speaker: Bob Macomber. Subject: “Joint Army-Navy Civil War Operations on the FL Gulf Coast & the Two Men Who Made it Work.” Book Signing of Macomber’s Latest Book

Jan. 4 — 7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting — Speaker: Robin Pearl, President of Sun Shrimp.

Feb. 1—7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting — Speaker: Charles Sobczak, Road Scholar Lecturer

Feb. 13 — 8:00 AM—
Noon

MOTI Rummage Sale — St. James Civic Center — Live Music by Island Frank; Breakfast; New and Used Items; Bake Sale; Plants

March 7—7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting — Speaker: Cindy Bear, Randell Research Center.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS



50/50 PRIZES

We will have a drawing for a 50/50 prize at both the Open House and the Rummage Sale on Valentine’s Day. We decided it would be nice to award TWO winners instead of just one. Get your tickets at the Open House and at the Rummage Sale.

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