



UPCOMING EVENTS

2013

MAR. 4—7:00 PM
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DENEGE PATTERSON;
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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MEETING AND
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OFFICERS**

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7:00 P.M.

Featured Speaker:
Denege
Patterson

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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2013

NOTICE: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FISHERS OF MEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 4, 2013: 7:00 pm

Denege Patterson

Our featured speaker for the March meeting will be Denege Patterson, tour guide and author, who will present "A Tour of the Islands of Pine Island Sound: A Geological, Archaeological, and Historical Perspective."

The presentation features beautiful aerial photographs of the islands of northern Pine Island Sound and the fish houses near Captiva Shoals. The narrative begins with the origins of Pine Island Sound, the formation of the islands, and opening of the passes. For thousands of years ancient people occupied these islands seasonally; others stayed year-round. An entire

indigenous culture, the Calusa, grew and became powerful. Some islands provided a meeting ground for chiefdoms, empires, and governments, and became places of political intrigue and exploitation. As the indigenous population dwindled some islands were abandoned completely. Some islands were occupied by commercial fishermen from other nations. The modern recreational fishing culture gave rise to tourism, growth, and interesting lifestyles based on the abundance of the estuary-- the one constant that has held it together over thousands of years.

This program is adapted from Denege's series of the same title

published quarterly in the *Friends of the Randell Research Center* Newsletter, and from her narrated tours with Captiva Cruises on Calusa Heritage Day.

RHYTHM AND RUMMAGE EVENT

Our annual Rhythm and Rummage event was a big success with over \$900 in sales. Our customers enjoyed the big breakfast and music provided by Island Frank. The gift basket was won by Connie Klug. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success: the people who donated items, the "workers" and St. James Civic.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership numbers are down a bit, so if you have not renewed your MOTI membership, please do so, MOTI is the only place in the area that preserves our past for future generations. We have a wonderful facility with some exceptional items. Remember: we subsist on our memberships and sales in the gift shop. We receive no funding from government agencies.

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for a few more “good men and women” to volunteer at the museum. We appreciate ALL of our volunteers and want you to know that we could not remain open without your help. If you would like to become a MOTI volunteer, please call Ced at 283-5050. We will work with you to accommodate your schedule. You can work as much or as little as you wish.

We are still looking for a maintenance person to do light handy-man type work at the

museum. If you are “handy” and would like to help, please contact Sharon at 283-9155.

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). For smaller groups, our on-duty docents will be happy to provide assistance and of course, we have the audio guides..

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers will take place at the March meeting. The slate of officers is listed below. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, provided the nominees have been contacted and have agreed to serve. We need a Secretary, a Membership Chair Person, and a Maintenance Chair Person.

President—Sharon Traylor
Vice President — Naomi Brewer
Secretary-
Treasurer — Barbara Mahaffey
Returning Committee Chairs:
Tours — Carolyn Murphey
Speakers—Beverly Muldoon
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