



THE MOTI NEWS

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FROM THE FRONT DESK...

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MOTI has had a very exciting Season this year. It all started with a successful Open House in December, and it is still going strong. We just finished our annual Rhythm and Rummage Sale and made \$1300 in profits at the sale! Imagine...that much money from treasures passing from one person to another!

The shell guessing competition netted the museum \$547.00!

Also during this season, new collaborations were formed with the Saint James City Civic Association with the first activity being a Stroll Through History with Tim Knox. More than 100 people attended this event, and they were generous in their donations to the organizations as well.

The collaboration between SJCCA and MOTI has turned out to be a very successful endeavor. The Collaborative Planning Committee offered a trip to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum south of Clewiston. From that event, MOTI made a profit of \$426.00.

Please check our website and follow the news in our Newsletter for upcoming trips ... and, of course, Tim's second Stroll.



The annual election of officers will take place at the March meeting. Attached is the slate of proposed officers. We do take nominations from the floor, so if you have someone you want to nominate, please do. They need to be present and have agreed to serve.

Thanks again to our MOTI family! You're the best!

Sharon Traylor

SPEAKER SERIES: From the podium.....

MARCH 3, 2014 Roy Kibbe, owner of Jug Creek Seafood Farm Raised Clams, will present a program on his early life on Pine Island and his eventual ownership of a major blue crab business and Jug Creek Seafood. Jug Creek Seafood had been at one time the largest producer of farm raised clams in the State of Florida.

Have you ever seen a seed clam? They are so small you can hold one million of them in your hand. Kibbe will show different stages of clam growth. He will provide a unique insight into the impact of adverse environmental conditions, both natural and man-made, on his water dependent industry.

For more information, contact Beverly at bandbmuldoon@sbcglobal.net or call the museum at 283.1525

TIM'S NOTES....



Please join us on March 23 as we take another “Stroll Through Pine Island History” wherein a teacher will be interviewing a factory foreman. We shall begin the stroll at the home site of Captain John Smith, Saint James City’s first resident.

Follow us to the location of the massive Sisal Hemp Factory then continue to Saint James City’s second school once stood. Back at SJCCA our socialite-turned-teacher will interview the foreman of the new Hemp and Development Factory. It is sure to be a lively discussion. There will be a slide show and a Q and A period with light refreshments served.

Where: SJCCA

When: March 23, 2014 1:30 music 2:00 stroll.

MUSIC FOR THE STROLL AFTERNOON WILL BE PROVIDED BY ALAN BICKFORD OF “PICKIN’ IN THE CITY.”

Tim Knox



FROM THE CURATOR....

Our “Guess How Many Shells” competition was a smashing success. We had many volunteers getting great prizes and also selling tickets. What fun it was to announce the two winners! Debby Smith and Betsy Hiatt were astounded that they had the closest guesses of the numbers of shells in the big glass bowl. They were even more surprised at how much the prize packages were worth. Thank you, local merchants.

Much needed funds were raised between the shell guess and the rhythm and rummage sale. We are very grateful to our community for its support of MOTI. If you haven’t been to the museum lately, stop by and see new displays that are sure to be of interest. Or just stop by and say Hi!

Vickie

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Museum of the Islands on Pine Island**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 3

Roy Kibbe, speaker

MARCH 23

Stroll through Pine Island History

MONTH OF MARCH

**MOTI exhibit on the
Sisal Hemp era of
1911– 1914**

APRIL (DateTBA)

MOTI/SJCCA trip

MOTI AND SJCCA are working together to provide programs of interest. These



activities range from local programs to field trips to places of interest.

Watch for information in your newsletters, emails, and at the museum and the civic association.

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