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FROM THE FRONT DESK...

We had a wonderful day at the Open House with museum grounds covered with local vendors with various wares, and the air was filled with music from our very own musician, Island Frank. With a great turnout, the day was a real success.

Dot Birmingham worked her magic selling Shell Competition tickets, while Naomi Brewer and her group sold lots of plants. Memberships were bought, including a lifetime one. Sales in the Gift Shop were brisk as well. Ced put together a Treasure Hunt for the kids and they loved it!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our Board members who devoted so much time to making this event a success.

We have exciting events coming up in the next few months. Watch your newsletter and emails for information! We have a wonderful museum here and hope you will visit. Thank you for your continuing support of MOTI. Sharon



Sharon Traylor, MOTI President, and Island Frank Tuma, our fine musician.

EVENT FLYERS AND REGISTRATION
FORMS FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WILL
BE AVAILABLE AT MOTI OR BY EMAIL.

**IT'S YOUR MUSEUM
IT'S OUR HISTORY!**

SPEAKER SERIES: From the podium.....

January 6 Harold Bruner, will speak on "The Calusa Land Trust & Nature Preserve of Pine Island" at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church, 10360 Stringfellow Road, Saint James City. Bruner will talk about how the land trust began, its land acquisition process, what the trust now holds, and future plans. The program begins at 7:00 p.m., is free and open to the public.

We thank Beverly Muldoon for her continued good programming. If you have ideas for particular programs or want more information, contact Beverly at

bandbmuldoon@sbcglobal.net or call the museum at 283.1525.

FEBRUARY 8 RHYTHM & RUMMAGE SALE

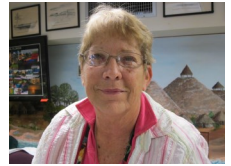


**Bring
Your
Stuff!!!!**

Before we know it, the holidays will have passed. As you put items away and want to pass on some good ones to others, remember the MOTI Rhythm & Rummage Sale at SJCCA this February. Items should be brought to the civic center the morning of February 7. For more information, please contact Naomi Brewer at 283.4298.

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.....

Ced Gregorsky



Volunteering is a rewarding experience. We can surely use your help even for a day or so a month. Please call Ced at 283.5050 if you would like to be a part of the work we do to pass on the island's rich history to locals and visitors alike. Currently these generous people are giving

their time:

John Fischer, Bernie Muldoon, Carolyn Murphey, Tish Wszolek, Sal Anastasio, Corine Beving, Ellie Canfield, Beverly Henderson, Marolyn McManus, Myrtle Orzali, Jane Kusche, Pat Borup, Naomi Brewer, Bob Todd, Tim Knox, Jim Hayden, and Nancy and Don Leake.

THANK YOU!

OPEN HOUSE PHOTOS.....



TAKE YOUR VISITORS ON A TOUR

Tours of the many fascinating items in the museum are held for all age groups. Replicas of face masks made in the early 1700's by the Calusas, molds used to make candles, the bright colors and shapes of shells from around the world, early photographs of people who lived on Pine Island, a replica of a horse and buggy (without the horse, of course) are just a few of the items in the museum.

Contact Carolyn Murphey at 239.283.6266 or Naomi Brewer at 239.283.4298 to arrange a specific time and date for a tour. Groups size may vary from five to twenty-five with the larger group divided into two separate classes at the same time.



TIM'S NOTES....

A STROLL THROUGH PINE ISLAND HISTORY— A Young Socialite's Perspective of Early St. James City



This special program in collaboration with the St. James City Civic Association will depict a socialite's impressions of early St. James City. We will begin our stroll at the water's edge of Palm Avenue where landmarks of the area will be presented as she may have seen them. As we stroll up Palm Avenue we will point out what may have been observable around town. We will complete the stroll portion at the site of the once grand San Carlos Hotel. What did our socialite think of such a place? Join us to find out!

We will return to SJCCA and complete the program with a slide presentation of St. James City in the late 1800's. A Q and A will follow, with light refreshments. **January 19, 2014. 2:00 p.m.**

Please park at SJCCA and someone will direct you. Chairs will be placed along the route.

NEW ACQUISITIONS.....There are many new displays at MOTI ... an organ that entertained the citizens of Bokeelia during the 1920s hurricane; the story of the fire department's evolution; the story of an early marina on the island; and so much more. Come see both our permanent collections as well as our new acquisitions. Give your visitors a real taste of the Pine Island story.

Vickie Duflo, curator

FROM THE GIFT SHOP.....

The MOTI Gift Shop provides significant funding for our activities and expenses. Therefore we hope you will remember us as a shopping destination throughout the year. Please help us grow our membership by purchasing Gift Memberships for your neighbors and friends. (Beautiful certificates are available in the gift shop.)

We also have Gift Certificates that you can purchase in any denomination. Your friends and family will enjoy shopping the MOTI Gift Shop which has one of the best bookshops on Florida topics in the area, as well as a nice assortment of novelties, paintings, and handicrafts from local artists.

We'll be adding new merchandise and special activities in the coming year. Stop in, pull up a chair and browse the new books, and look around for a gift for a friend or a treat for yourself.

Hope to see you soon!

Bob



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 6
Harold Bruner, speaker

JANUARY 19
Stroll Through History
(SJCCA)

FEBRUARY 3
John Kiseda, speaker

FEBRUARY 4
Trip to Seminole Museum
in Clewiston
(SJCCA)

FEBRUARY 8
RHYTHM & RUMMAGE
SALE at SJCCA

MARCH 3
Roy Kibbe, speaker

MOTI AND SJCCA are working together to provide programs of interest to members. 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 civic association.

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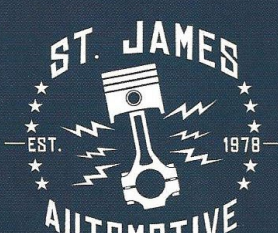
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