



Museum of the Islands Winter 2025 Newsletter



Into the New Year 2026

by Karen Hartshorne, President

Welcome home to all of our members back on the island.

We can't wait to show you what we've been working on lately in the museum. If you haven't been in for a while come in and see. New flip chart pages showing the Sisal Factory and St James on the Gulf were added to the museum's collection. We are open 11am-3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

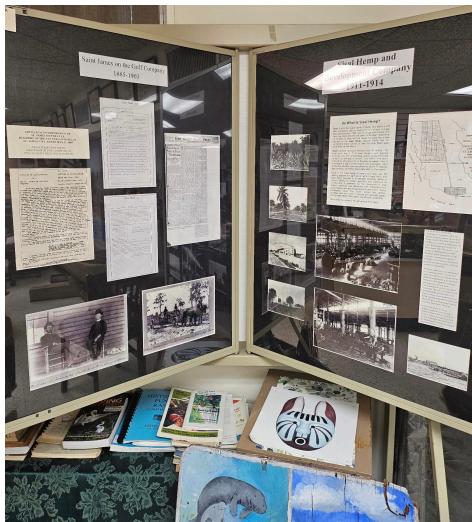
We've added Museum of the Island Newsletters from past years to our website archives. You may view them [here](#).

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.

THIS Winter's
TOP STORIES
We've Been Busy!

New Flip Panels



St James on the Gulf Company 1885-1903

Sisal Hemp and Development Company 1911-1914

Our Golf Exhibit

The new exhibit, Golf in the Southwest Florida Islands, is getting lots of comments. We've been told that it is the nicest in Southwest Florida. This display is about golf on the islands in the late 1800's and early 1900's. There are also binders with information on the Professional Golfers with photographs and news articles.



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, books, original artwork, archival art supplies, and framed reproductions of photos you love. We will be having more sales in our gift shop. Watch for them on our sandwich board outside the front door. If you are not in town we are happy to ship to you.

We've been having fun

Our Annual Open House on December 6th had a great turn out. Local vendors with unique items, Frank's music and a beautiful day made a wonderful close to our 35th Anniversary year.



We love it when people come in and visit the collections that were donated by their families.

We've been painting history

It has cooled off and we are out and about plein air painting.

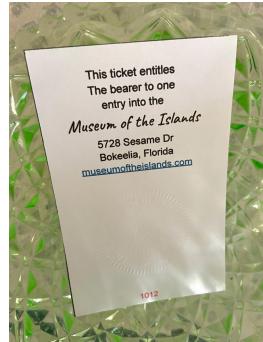


The Pine Island Plein Air Artists, Painters of History group welcomes you to join us. Don't let 'Artist' in the title discourage you. Our youngest member is 3. Bring your own supplies, the cost is free and all ages are welcome. Just come have fun and enjoy the fresh air. To view our schedule visit [Paint](#) on the museum's website. You may also join the group on Facebook, [Pine Island Plein Air Painters of History](#).

Later This Year 2026

If you are not a member, or would like to renew your membership you may visit our [page](#), Come into the museum and see us, or mail it in.

You may also purchase tickets to the museum for \$3 each to give to a friend or customer.



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