



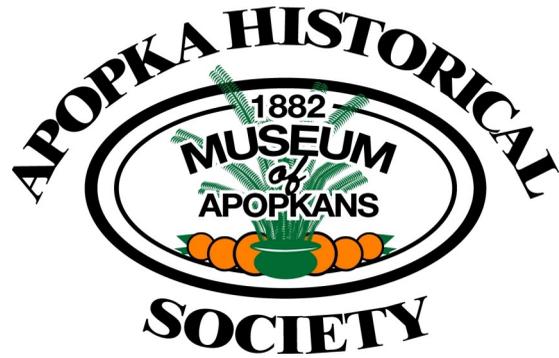
Part of Citrus and Cattle exhibit



Part of the lobby exhibit



Part of the Farming and industry exhibit



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Hours of Operation

Tuesday thru Friday

Noon to 5 pm

Saturday— by appointment

Your hometown museum featuring exhibits from Apopka and Northwest Orange County including Plymouth, Zellwood and Tangerine

Mission Statement

The mission of the Museum of the Apopkans is to collect, interpret and present the history and culture of North West Orange County, Florida to all the people of the Apopka area and to other visitors attracted to the city. The Museum is dedicated to education and to promoting pride in the heritage of the men and women, from all stations of life that lived, worked, and died to make Apopka special.



The Museum of the Apopkans is supported by the Apopka Historical Society membership and the generosity of the public. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

What to See . . .

On our porch: 1948 McCormick Farmall Tractor

In the Lobby: 1887 Map of Apopka, early school days exhibit, temporary exhibits

In our living area: pictures of early home, foot pedal sewing machines, early kitchen appliances and household items, gift shop

The Citrus, Industry, Cattle & Farming area: Old tools, wine-press, corn sheller, saddles and lanterns

The Indian Room: contains many artifacts from the Lake Apopka area including a canoe
Meeting room & Library: scrapbooks filled with Apopka history, maps, newspaper clipping, photographs and microfilm reader for Apopka Chief newspapers & other printed materials available for research.

Millennium Patio: people, events and places remembered through the purchase of memorial bricks

Museum Activities: Mother's Day Tea, Festival of Trees, educational activities, & seasonal displays

The Past is my heritage, the Present is my responsibility, the Future is my challenge

WHO WE ARE...

Before Apopka was "The Indoor Foliage Capital of the World" or even before it was "The Fern City" it was "The Lodge."

From about 7500 B.C. until the 1st century A.D. Native Americans lived on the shores of Lake Apopka, then they disappeared for unknown reasons. The region appears to have been uninhabited for about 400 years, until a different cultural group came to the lake around 500 A.D.



When the Spaniards arrived in Florida in the 16th century, the Acuera tribe of the Timucua Confederation was said to have lived in the Apopka area, growing crops and trading. By 1730, these natives were decimated by war and diseases brought by the Europeans, and they also disappeared.

Early in the 19th century, there was a Seminole village on Lake Apopka, or Ahapopka, as they spelled and pronounced the name. The village remained active until the outbreak of the Second Seminole War in the mid-1830s. Coacoochee (Wild Cat), one of the most famous and influential war chiefs, was born here and ruled as chief until this village was evacuated, and the natives sought refuge in the swampy areas around the St. Johns River.

The Armed Occupation Act of 1842 brought settlers to the Apopka area. They received 160 acres if they would settle them. These pioneers began converting the area into what it is today.

After the Civil War the climate and the agricultural opportunities in Apopka attracted developers and settlers, and the town became an important trading center in the 1850s. The Masons were particularly active.

Orange Lodge No. 36 was organized in 1857, and The Lodge building was completed in 1859. Today it is the oldest running lodge in Florida and is standing on its original site at Alabama Avenue and Highway 441.



It was around this building that the town grew in the 1860s and 1870s and ultimately became the Town of Apopka City, incorporated in 1882.

Progress continued and today Apopka is still an important hub of commerce. One of the fastest growing cities in Orange County, it is home base to more than 45,000 citizens in the greater Apopka area



WHAT WE DO...

As the preservers of the history of Apopka, we have collected many artifacts and documents which are located in the Museum of the Apopkans.

Be a part of the ongoing effort to preserve Apopka's history by becoming a member of the Historical Society. There are many ways you can become involved.

Join the
APOPKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
and become part of our history

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

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___ Annual Membership Single Person \$15

___ Annual Membership Couple \$25

___ Annual Membership Junior (under18) \$10

___ Annual Membership Family \$35

___ Lifetime Membership Single Person \$200

___ Lifetime Membership Couple \$300

___ Lifetime Business Membership \$600

___ Annual Business Membership \$75

Want to get involved?
Make a difference at the Museum!