

News and Views

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The Past is my Heritage, the Present is my Responsibility
The Future is my Challenge.

General Meeting

Saturday, June 13, 2009

10 a.m.

From the President

Well, the year has gotten off to a good start. Even though we are only open two days a week, we have had a good influx of visitors. We still have several groups meeting on a regular basis on either Thursday or Saturday.

We have had several special groups to come visit on days others that those we are open. The Foliage Sertoma held a new member luncheon, the AARP held a monthly meeting in which the new video was shown as was the Ukranian Egg video on how the eggs were made. The 50 plus who attended the meeting were very impressed with the presentation and the museum. We had several of their members join the Historical Society.

Phyllis Page brought her students from Dream Lake Elementary for their annual visit to the museum and city hall. The book club held their annual meeting at the museum, a local Girl Scout troop came for a visit. Margie Grinnell brought a couple of her third grade students to the museum to make a short video for her Dream Lake class. The Chamber of Commerce started its leadership series with a meeting at the museum and short history lesson from Mayor John H Land.

April was our annual appearance at the art and foliage festival. This year we were able to set up two tents so we could expand our displays and Then & Now exhibit. We had a lot of positive comments and even picked up a new membership.

The month of May had a busy start with getting ready for the Mother's Day Tea. This year the event was moved to the historic Highland Manor Inn. Co-chairs Pat Raub and Trudy Weiss were able to secure this venue for the society with the cooperation of General Partner Richard Wilhelm and General Manager Christian Pendleton. Louise Fortunato and her group of ladies did an outstanding job of procuring silent auction items and setting them up of the event. Our new Public Relations Chairman, Jeanne Gorman made sure that we got the word out to all the media outlets. This was evident by the number of ladies who came from around the Central Florida area to attend the tea. There were over two hundred ladies, young ladies and even a few men in attendance. The event was also going to honor the three ladies who started the event back in 2002, but Jean Juckette, Ann Hlinak and Nancy Blalock were unable to attend.

The final numbers are yet compiled, but we estimate that we made over \$3,000 on the event. And with the Highland Manor doing all the set up and serving, it made for a lot less stress on the committee this year. Plus the fact no one had to sit outside in the heat. I have only heard positive comments on the event. It is already on the books at the Highland Manor for next year.

The new bookcases have been delivered and set up by Bob Morrow. The library committee under the direction of Mary Elizabeth Wheeler has been busy inventorying everything that was on the old shelves. They are now starting to place the books back on the shelves in a more organized fashion.

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Thursday -10a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday—10 a.m. to 2

General Membership Meeting

The next general meeting of the year will be Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. This meeting will bring you up to date on what has been happening in the museum and what the future looks like. We will have a special guest speaker from the Nehrling Society. See you there.

Ukranian Egg Exhibit

We still have the egg exhibit for a few more weeks, so if you have missed it, now is the time to come see it. You can also view the video on how the eggs are made.

Newsletter Request

In the last newsletter we asked those of you who have internet capabilities to let us know your email address so we could update your record. Unfortunately, not many of you have done so. Please take a few minutes to send an email to director@apopkamuseum.org with your email address.

We had the same problem with those who do not have internet. We asked you to call and let us know that you needed to have your newsletter mailed. Again a very low response.

Please take a moment to call the museum and leave a message to let us know you need a copy mailed to you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Many of you have offered to volunteer where needed on committees, at events, and at the Museum.

For this, we are deeply appreciative. If you are retired, looking to be a part of something, or have an expertise to share, let us know. You can also volunteer for three hours shifts weekly or monthly as a docent or helping with projects on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1- 4 p.m. and on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We need volunteers to staff the museum and are trying to get as many shifts filled as possible.

Contact any Board member or email to: director@apokamuseum.org or call 407-703-1707.

President's Message from page 1

At the present time we are working on coming up with a plan to hire a part time employee. The city is giving us money to do this, but we will be totally responsible for this person and seeing that they are paid according to federal and state laws. This will allow us to be open on a regular basis. The person hired would work a 20 hour week. We will still utilize volunteers as we always have.

Our education committee has presented four scholarships for this year. We are hoping that they will be able to attend the General Meeting so we can meet them. Several members are working on projects involving the local schools, and we are submitting a grant to work with Apopka HS on a historical preservation project for next school year.

Larry Leudenburg, President

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