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# News and Views

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

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## **Museum of the Apopkans**

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## **Hours of Operation**

Wed/Thurs -10am to 4 pm

Saturday-10am to 2pm.

### Web Site:

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[director@apokmuseum.org](mailto:director@apokmuseum.org)

## *General Meeting*

*Saturday, November 14, 2009*

*10 a.m.*

### *From the President*

Well, the year got 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.

The Chamber of Commerce started its leadership series with a meeting at the museum and short history lesson from Mayor John H Land.

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 with 50 plus in attendance. The Red Hat Society from Zellwood Station visited as did several retirement home groups from Orlando.

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.

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. It was a huge success.

Our education committee presented four scholarships for this year. We applied for a grant to work with Apopka HS on a historical preservation project for next school year, but did not get it. We will try again next year

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 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. All books will be back on the shelves shortly.

With the money from the city we hired a part time person to keep the museum open on Wednesday and Thursdays with volunteer help to open on Saturdays. Reba has done an outstanding job in refreshing the museum exhibits and creating a new one. Unfortunately she will be leaving us in November to move to Georgia.

The Festival of Trees is getting off the ground, thanks to Mary Frances Mancuso and Robin McEwen. The museum will be open the entire time this year so people will have an opportunity to visit and bid on the trees.

Margie Grinnell organized the retired muck farmers to sit around and talk about how they got started and relate stories for a video and future exhibit.

Larry Leudenburg, President

## Annual Membership Meeting

The annual meeting of the year will be Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 10 a.m. See you there. If you haven't been to the museum in awhile, you will be surprised at what has been done. Don't forget we will electing new officers.

### *Nominating Committee Selections*

Vice President—Ray McLeod  
Treasurer—Jack Douglas  
Secretary—Faye Odom  
Director—Francina Boykin  
Librarian—Mary Elizabeth Wheeler  
Curator—Angela Nicols  
President and 2 directors are not up for election this year.

If you are interested in running for any of the above offices, attend the meeting and make your presence know.

*The Festival of Trees is coming.*  
This year the Festival of Trees will begin on Saturday, December 5 at 6pm at the museum.

The trees will be on display during the next week from 10 am to 4 pm for bidding in the silent auction.

We are hoping to have the local schools participate by decorating a wreath which will be given to them.

The Festival will conclude on Sunday afternoon, December 13 at 2 pm when ribbons will be awarded and the silent auction for the trees will end.

A giant plant sale will also be held, so you have an opportunity to get some plants for Christmas gifts or just restock your own plant selection.

Mark your calendars for this event.



### 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 Wednesdays & 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](mailto:director@apokamuseum.org)  
or call 407-703-1707.

### Wanted !!

If you have old photos or other artifacts that you would like to donate or lend to the Historical society, we will be glad to accept them. We can also make copies of photos or documents so you can keep the originals.

We are looking for anything to do with the foliage industry, muck farming industry, family histories of pioneer families, early settlers, lumber industry, citrus industry, turpentine industry, railroad industry, Lake Apopka fish camps, Rocks Springs, Wekiva Springs and any other places or things that have to do with Apopka, Zellwood, Plymouth and Tangerine.

This will help us to build on what we have and expand into other areas.

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