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

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Tuesday thru Friday
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General Meeting

Sunday, September 11, 2011

2 p.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another summer has come and gone and I trust everyone had a great time and look forward to cooler weather this fall. We are pleased the City of Apopka is staffing our Museum Tuesday through Friday from 12 noon---5:00 p.m. each week. Having someone at our Museum has clearly opened more opportunities for the residents to visit & experience what we as a historical society have developed for our community.

We hope to see you at our Sunday, September 11, 2011 fall meeting at 2 p.m.

Ray McLeod, President

PROGRAM

Our scheduled program will be a presentation from Martin Cushman a resident of Mt. Dora, who published an article about Plymouth area, for the summer 2011 edition of "Reflection from Central Florida", the publication of the Orlando Regional History Center. If you have time, you may want to check out Mr. Cushman's web page www.floridaartpottery.com.

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VOLUNTEERS STILL 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 Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., from noon to 5 p.m.



History

Bertha Gladden's Contributions to the Apopka Community

Bertha was born in Savannah, GA & was married to the late William Gladden, Sr. who was the owner of Gladden's Shoe Hospital in Apopka. She was well known for her gift in teaching piano lessons to many young people in the Apopka's African American community, most have successful careers in the music field or became teachers themselves.

For 40 years she was the pianist for the St. Paul A.M.E. Church of which she was a member and New Hope Baptist Church, both churches founded more than a century ago.

Being a member of the once popular Lily White Lodge #7, her favorite thing would be to take young children to Tampa each year to march in a large Parade. All the girls were dressed in beautiful uniforms all the same color that were made by Mrs. Gladden and other seamstresses in the Apopka area.

Bertha made great contributions to our community, She was the mother of William Gladden, Jr., Apopka, Carolyn McBain, Jean Hockaby, New York and the late Joseph Gladden. She was one of Apopka's leading ladies in the African- American community.

By Francina Boykin Vice President



Upcoming Events

Lovell's Landing State Marker dedication Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Apopka Art & Foliage Festival—April 28 & 29, 2012

Quarterly Meeting—September 11, 2011 2 p.m.

Magnolia Park Blue Grass Festival—May 5, 2012

Volunteers are needed for two events April & May

The Library Committee is continuing to sort the many interesting books pertaining to Northwest Orange County that are available for research at the Museum. Books that are in need of repair are being restored by Boca Bookbinding Incorporated in Winter Garden.

Some of the books are over 100 years old.

By Mary Elizabeth Wheeler Librarian

Historic Preservation

Come Join Us!

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, there will be a Dedication of the 'Lovell's Landing' Florida State Marker.

Partnering with Orange County, the Apopka Historical Society invites you to this celebration honoring this Florida Heritage Site. Lovell's Landing at Lake Apopka

"In 1872, William A. Lovell purchased 225 acres on the north side of Lake Apopka ... to serve as a hub for freight service ...Before steamer service began on the Ocklawaha in 1882, fruits and vegetables from 17 landings around the lake were brought to Lovell's Landing for delivery by oxen to Clay Springs and areas further north. ..."

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2011

Place: Magnolia Park

2929 S. Binion Road

Apopka, FL 32703

Time: 10:00 am

We hope to see you there.

By Angela Nichols

Want to be more involved?

The Apopka Historical Society is seeking qualified individuals who want to be more active and have input into the Board.

At the present time the following Departments are lacking chairmen: Technology, Membership and Ways & Means.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact President Ray McLeod or any other officer.

REMINDER

If you have any old ink or laser cartridges you want to get rid of, you can bring them to the museum for disposal.