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## HISTORY NEWS

### *1981 Annual Meeting*

Linda Ellsworth, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board (205 E. Zaragoza Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501), and Dr. Peter Klingman, Daytona Beach Community College (Department of History, P. O. Box 1111, Daytona Beach, Florida 33015), are program chairs for the seventy-ninth meeting of the Florida Historical Society to be held in St. Petersburg, April 29-May 3, 1981. They invite anyone interested in reading a paper to correspond with them immediately. They are particularly interested in papers dealing with the impact that ecology and environment has had on Florida history. Papers relating to other aspects of the political, economic, social, intellectual, and military history of Florida will be considered also.

The Bay Front Concourse Hotel has been selected as the convention hotel. Milton Jones of Clearwater, former president of the Florida Historical Society, will be in charge of local arrangements. Local and area historical societies and preservation groups will be the host organizations. The Florida Historical Confederation will be holding a workshop in conjunction with the annual meeting.

### *Awards*

Dr. Jerrell H. Shofner, professor of history, chairman of the Department of History, University of Central Florida, and immediate past president of the Florida Historical Society, received the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for 1979-1980 for his article, "Mary Grace Quackenbos, A Visitor Florida Did Not Want." It appeared in the January 1980 issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The prize is given annually for the best article appearing in the *Quarterly*, and is presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society. The judges for this year's award were Randy F. Nimnicht, Historical Association of Southern Florida; Dr. Wayne Flynt, Auburn University; and Dr. Charlton Tebeau, Emeritus Professor, University of Miami.

The prize was made possible by an endowment established by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson of Gainesville.

*The Florida Wars*, published by Linnet Books, was selected as the best book published in 1979 on a Florida subject. Its author, Virginia Bergmen Peters of Falls Church, Virginia, received the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award. The judges were Dr. Louis Perez, University of South Florida; Dr. Paul W. Wehr, University of Central Florida; and Dr. Robert R. Rea, Auburn University. The award memorializes Professor Patrick, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and secretary of the Florida Historical Society.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award for 1979 was presented to Natalie Savage Carlson of Clearwater, for her book, *Time of the White Egret*, published by Charles Scribner's Sons. The award honors Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, Emeritus Professor, University of Miami, editor of *Tequesta*, and former president of the Florida Historical Society. It is given annually to the author of the best book for young readers on a Florida subject. The judges were Janet Snyder Matthews, Sarasota; Christian LaRoche, Valparaiso; and Wright Langley, Historic Key West Preservation Board.

#### *Wentworth Foundation Grant*

A check for \$1,000 was received by the Florida Historical Society from William M. Goza, former president of the Society, on behalf of the Wentworth Foundation, Inc., at the annual meeting of the Society in Orlando. These annual gifts from the Foundation are designated for the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The Foundation has provided grants to many historical, anthropological, and cultural organizations, the Florida State Museum, and the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida. It is supporting the project of indexing and cataloging the Spanish documents and manuscripts in the P. K. Yonge Library.

*Division of Archives and History*

L. Ross Morrell has been named director of the Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Management. He succeeds Senator W. Robert Williams, a former director of the Florida Historical Society, who retired from public service in February 1980. In addition to his appointment by Secretary of State George Firestone as division director, Morrell was appointed State Historic Preservation Officer by Governor Bob Graham. Morrell has been Florida State Archeologist since 1965, and he served as chief of the Bureau of Historic Sites and Property since the creation of the Division in 1969.

*Announcements and Activities*

Movie magazines, which generally describe the industry based in Hollywood, California, were once published in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Historical Society is searching for copies of *The Silent Drama* and *Southern Screen*, published about 1916. Anyone that has information, is asked to contact John Reitzammer at his business phone, 904-388-3300, in Jacksonville.

The Orange County Historical Society signed an agreement with WDBO-TV, Channel Six in Orlando, which will make the Society the depository for more than one million feet of film from local newscasts made by the TV station over the past twenty-five years. The film will be available for showing after it has been processed and cataloged.

With support from the Florida Endowment for the Humanities, the Pioneer Florida Museum, Dade City, has produced two slide/sound programs under the auspices of Loretta Van Winkle and Jim Johnson. The first, "Little Drops of Water," features four Florida quilters, which was photographed in a rural Florida setting with folk music background. The quilters describe the work that they are doing and their feelings about their craft. The other program, "Simple Gifts: Pioneer Values," features interviews with two rural Floridians discussing how they and their ancestors adjusted to the early Florida 'frontier and their lifestyles. Photographs of early tools and household articles

in the Pioneer Florida Museum's collection are used. Both programs are available for purchase in slide/tape or video cassette from the Museum, Box 335, Dade City, Florida 33525.

George Fairbanks, Florida's Secretary of State, has recently announced a number of historic preservation grants. These include the restoration of the roof and balconies of the Scozzari Building, Ybor City, Tampa; restoration of the dome over the former ballroom in Plant Hall, formerly the Tampa Bay Hotel, and now the University of Tampa; and the Woodward Warehouse, Quincy.

The Newfound Harbor Marine Institute on Big Pine Key, Florida, hosted a conference recently focusing on the "Maritime Cultural Heritage of The Florida Keys: How Can It Be Preserved For Future Generations?" Funding was from the Florida Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The director of the conferences was R. Duncan Mathewson, Institute Director of the Maritime Social Studies Program. There was also an oral workshop conducted by Dr. Samuel Proctor, University of Florida, in conjunction with the Maritime conference.

"A New Archivist For A New Decade" is the theme of the annual workshop of the Society of Georgia Archivists to be held November 20-21, 1980, at Emory University, Atlanta. It is being co-sponsored by the Society of Alabama Archivists. Speakers from southern states, including Florida, will discuss archival education, building planning, publications, microfilm techniques and technology, disaster preparedness, new relationships among archivists, and the impact of the computer on archives. For information write the Society of Georgia Archivists, Box 261, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The three most recent issues of the *Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County Journal* (Nos. 12, 13, 14), contains birth, marriage, and cemetery records pertaining to Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties in the Florida Panhandle. In addition there are reviews of pertinent books and journals and family history record materials. For information, write Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32549. Journals are sold for \$1.50 each.

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Sept. 7-10	American Association for State and Local History	New Orleans
Sept. 30- Oct. 3	Society of American Archivists	Cincinnati
Oct. 2-4	Oral History Association Workshop and Colloquium	Durango, Colorado
Oct. 8-12	National Trust for Historic Preservation	New York
Nov. 12-15	Southern Historical Association	Atlanta
Nov. 21-23	Southern Jewish Historical Society	Jacksonville
Dec. 27-31	American Historical Association	Washington, D.C.

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April 30	Florida Historical Confederation-	St. Petersburg
May 1-2	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 79th MEETING	St. Petersburg
May 7-8	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola

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