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Conferences

“Rediscovering the 1930s: The WPA and the Federal Writers’ Project’s American Guides,” is the theme of a symposium to be held at the Broward County Library in Fort Lauderdale, November 7-8, 1986. The papers and discussions will address the relationship between government and the arts and artists, and it will investigate the development, significance, and history of the American Guide Series. There will be special emphasis on the *Florida Guide*. For information write Dr. Margaret G. Wilson, Center for Labor Research & Studies, T-2, Florida International University, Tamiami Campus, Miami, FL 33199 or Jean Trebbi, Florida Center for the Book, Broward County Library, 100 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. There will also be a major collection of published Writers’ Project materials on exhibit.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society will hold its eleventh annual conference in Fort Lauderdale, November 7-9. The theme of the conference is the “Southern Jewish Experience.” There will be sessions on Jewish history in the Caribbean, Florida, and Miami, on survivors of the Holocaust settling in Florida, and workshops on oral history and Jewish genealogical research techniques. The convention hotel is the Hilton Inn at Inverrary. For information call or write Renee Spector, 1201 West 69th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33137 (305-587-8568).

The Florida State Genealogical Society will hold a conference on November 7-8, 1986, in Tallahassee. Speakers will include Robert Scott Davis, Jr., of Jasper, Georgia; Brent Howard Holcomb, editor and publisher of the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*; Gayle P. Peters, director of the National Records Center, East Point, Georgia; and LaViece Smallwood, whose articles on genealogy appear weekly in the Jacksonville *Florida Times-Union*. The Tallahassee Hilton is the convention hotel. For information on registration write Dorothy Garate, 2502 North Glen Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607.

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The Florida Museum Association will meet in Tallahassee, November 13-15, 1986. The Tallahassee Junior Museum and the Museum of Florida History are in charge of arrangements. The conference theme is "Innovations in Museums." It will feature sessions on new technologies (including a computerization workshop for small museums and the application of videodisc technologies to museums), outreach and interpretive programming, museum stores and concessions, and advances in conservation techniques. The convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn, 1302 Apalachee Parkway. A pre-conference session on November 12 will be a grant writing workshop sponsored by the Institute of Museum Services. For information write to the Tallahassee Junior Museum, 3945 Museum Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

The University of Florida will be the site of an International Conference on Wet Site Archaeology, December 12-14, 1986. For information write Dr. Barbara Purdy, Department of Anthropology, 1350 Turlington Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

The fifth Citadel Conference on the South will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, April 9-11, 1987. Formal invitations to those who will be delivering papers or chairing sessions will be issued by November 1, 1986. Direct all inquiries about the conference to Winfred B. Moore, Jr., or Joseph F. Tripp, Department of History, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409.

Exhibitions

The Prime F. Osborn Convention Center, which opened in Jacksonville on October 17, was converted from the Union Terminal. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. The terminal was described, when it was opened in 1919, as the largest railroad station in the South. It replaced the station constructed by Henry M. Flagler in 1895. On November 17, 1986, the Ramses II exhibit will open at the Convention Center. It includes seventy-two artifacts from the Egyptian Museum and is larger than the King Tut exhibit that toured the United States. The Ramses II exhibit will be at the Convention Center through March 15, 1987.

The Arthur M. Sackler Collection of Peruvian sculptured and painted ceramics are being exhibited at the Florida State Museum, Gainesville, through March 11, 1987. The Art of the Andes, a 160-piece pre-Columbian Peruvian exhibit, represents the major cultures in Peru from the first millenium B.C. to the Spanish conquest. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sundays and holidays from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. The research emphasis at the Florida State Museum, the Museum at the University of Florida, is on the natural sciences and anthropology of Florida, the Caribbean, and South America.

"In Search of the *Mary Rose*: Henry VIII's Lost Warship," is the title of an exhibit that will open at the Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee, on November 18, 1986, and continue through January 25, 1987. It will include artifacts from the Tudor vessel and videos of its raising at Portsmouth, England, in 1982. The *Mary Rose* sank on July 19, 1545, as an attacking France fleet sailed toward the English coast. More than 700 lives were lost in the disaster.

Announcements and Activities

John P. Daniels, formerly in charge of education, public service, and state programs at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, has been appointed director of the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board. He succeeds James Moody who has retired.

The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society has received a grant from the Institute of Museum Services for the conservation of its photo collection, one of the largest in Florida, numbering over 210,000 images. It includes the Gene Hyde Collection which covers the history of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County since 1938. There are also many Seminole Indian photographs in the Society's files.

The first recipient of the William C. Lazarus Award was Yulee Lazarus of Fort Walton. The announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society held in Gainesville, April 11-12, 1986. Together with her husband, Colonel William C. Lazarus, Mrs. Lazarus established the Fort Walton Temple Mound Museum. She served as its' curator for more than twenty years.

The first issue of the *Pencil Press Quarterly* includes an article, "A Gentle Warrior," which is based on an interview with Patrick D. Smith, the winner of the 1985 Florida Historical Society's Charlton W. Tebeau Book Prize. Smith's short story, "Miss Jenny and the Minnows," is also in this first issue. *Pencil Press Quarterly* is published in Orlando. Annual subscription rates are \$10.00. For subscription information write P. O. Box 536177, Orlando, FL 32806. The Quarterly includes short stories, feature articles, poetry, book reviews, information on workshops, and a calendar of literary events in Florida.

The Fred W. Morrison Award of Southern Studies, which may be given annually, has been established by the board of governors, University of North Carolina Press. It will be awarded to authors of books of southern studies published by the Press. The review committee will be historians not connected with the Press. The prize is \$5,000.

The *Encyclopedia of Jewish-American History and Culture* will be published by Garland Publishing Company. Persons interested in contributing either comprehensive essays or individual entries on a variety of available topics should contact the editors: Jack Fischel, Department of History, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, PA 17551, or Dr. Sanford Pinsker, Department of English, Franklin & Marshall College, P. O. Box 3003, Lancaster, PA 17604.