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Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society is calling for papers for its 1993 annual meeting in Penascola, May 20-22, 1993. The theme of the conference is "Florida At War." The primary emphasis will be on the impact of World War II on Florida, but papers on all periods are acceptable. Potential participants should submit a 500-word proposal to the program committee for consideration. The deadline for submission is December 1, 1992. Suggestions for supporting papers, session chairpersons, and commentators are also welcomed. Proposals should be sent to Dr. Gary Mormino, P. O. Box 290197, Tampa, FL 33687-0197 (813/974-3815, 974-2808, or 974-2809).

Miami Beach History

Howard Kleinberg, well-known Florida author, editor, columnist, and historian, is writing a history of Miami Beach under the auspices of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce. Arva Moore Parks is photo editor and historical consultant. Centennial Press of Miami plans to publish the volume in 1993. Stuart Blumberg, president of the Miami Beach Resort Hotel Association and a past chairman of the Chamber, spearheaded the effort that brought the principals—author, publisher, and financial supporters—together. Anyone with Miami Beach history or photographs should contact the Miami Beach Resort Hotel Association, 407 Lincoln Road, 310G, Miami, FL 33139 (1-800-531-3553).

Announcements and Activities

"Two Cultures: Tradition and Change," a two-day symposium sponsored by the Collier County Museum, Friends of the Collier County Museum, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, will explore the Columbus quincentennial from a multi-cultural point of view on October 31-November 1, 1992. Scholars in the fields of anthropology, archaeology, ethnography, and history

will discuss European exploration in the Caribbean and the southeastern United States and the results of that contact. The conference will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel and Gulf Club, Naples, Florida. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Collier County Museum, 3301 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 33962.

The fourteenth annual commemoration of the construction of Fort Cooper, the Second Seminole War fort built in 1836, will be held March 6-7, 1993, in Fort Cooper State Park, Inverness, Florida. In the spring of 1836, a group of sick and wounded army regulars and Georgia Volunteers were left on the banks of Lake Holathlikaha. Promising to return within nine days, a military contingent left for Fort Brooke at Tampa. Reinforcements did not arrive, and, under daily attack by the Indians, the men built Fort Cooper. In addition to a reenactment, the program will include heritage craft demonstrations and music sung to the accompaniment of banjo, guitar, and dulcimers. Fort Cooper State Park is located at 3100 Old Floral City Road in Inverness, just off Highway 41. For information write Friends of Fort Cooper, P. O. Box 1784, Inverness, FL 3445 1.

On October 3, First Encounters, an exhibit commemorating Spanish exploration and colonization of the Caribbean and the United States, opened at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami. First Encounters shows the effects of Spanish exploration on aboriginal societies, especially evident in artifacts that reflect European contact. The exhibit tells the story of Juan Ponce de León, Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda, Panfilo de Narváez, and Tristan de Luna. The exhibit includes a two-third scale model of the Niña, one of the three ships that Columbus captained on his voyage to America. Over 500 artifacts from museums throughout the United States are included in the exhibit. First Encounters will be on display at the Historical Museum until January 3, 1993.

The Polk County Historical and Genealogical Library, Bartow, has completed its move to the east wing of the Old Courthouse. It is open to the public. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There is a user fee.

The Forest History Society presented Professor Colin A. M. Duncan, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, with the Theodore C. Blegen Award for his article, "On Identifying a Sound Environmental Ethic in History," that appeared in *Environmental History Review*. David C. Backes, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, received the Ralph W. Hidy Award for his article, "Wilderness Visions: Arthur Carhart's 1922 Proposal for the Quetico-Superior Wilderness."

The Center for the Study of the American South at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, announces the establishment of a new quarterly, *Southern Cultures*, to be published by Duke University Press. The first issue will appear in 1993. The journal will examine cultural aspects of the United States South. The editors are interested in scholarly contributions from history, folklore, anthropology, political science, sociology, journalism, literature, art and architectural history, and other related disciplines. For more information contact Alecia Holland, *Southern Cultures*, IRSS, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3355 (919/926-0511).

The Kentucky Historical Society presented its annual Richard H. Collins Award to Dr. Peter P. Kumpf, Kansas State University, for his article, "Henry Clay's Constitutional Unionism," which appeared in the winter 1991 issue of *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*.

Dr. Gary W. Gallagher, Pennsylvania State University, received the Richard Barksdale Harwell Award for the best Civil War book of 1991 for his work, *Struggle for the Shenandoah: Essays on Confederate and Union Leadership*. The Atlanta Civil War Round Table honored Dr. Gallagher at their meeting of the 1992-1993 year in September.

The Virginia Historical Society's Resident Fellows Program provides financial assistance to selected scholars. Awards granted under this program are the Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowships, the Betty Sams Christian Fellowships in Business History, and the Sydney and Frances Lewis Fellowships in Women's Studies. Applications from doctoral candidates working to complete their dissertation are welcomed. Applicants should send

three copies of the following materials: a resume, two letters of recommendation, a description of the research project, and a cover letter. Applications should be sent to Nelson D. Lankford, Research Fellowship Committee, Virginia Historical Society, P. O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221-0311 (804/358-4901; fax 804/355-2399).

The Forest History Society announces the availability of Alfred D. Bell, Jr., travel grants for 1993 for anyone wishing to study at the society's library and archives. For information on application procedures and the society's holdings, write Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Avenue, Durham, NC 27701 (919/682-9391). The Forest History Society offers programs in research, publication, and library and archival collecting involving the forest environment. It is affiliated with Duke University and publishes the quarterly journal *Forest & Conservation History* under the auspices of Duke University Press.

The Aviation Museum on the pier in St. Petersburg is scheduled to open on January 1, 1993. The museum, adjacent to the St. Petersburg Historical Museum, will feature the Florida Aviation Historical Society's reproduction of the world's first airliner, the *Benoist 43*.

Call for Papers

The Arkansas Historical Association announces a call for papers for its 1993 annual meeting to be held in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 14-17. The theme of the meeting will be "Arkansas: The Western Experience, the Southern Experience, the American Experience." Papers placing Arkansas into the context of the West, South, and/or the United States are welcome. Persons wishing information should write to the program chair, Kenneth Startup, P. O. Box 3327, Williams Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, AK 72476.

The Oral History Association will hold its 1993 annual meeting on November 4-7, 1993, at the Birmingham Raddison Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. Proposals for papers, panels, workshops, media presentations, or full sessions should be sent by

December 1, 1992, to Professor Kim Lacy Rogers, Department of History, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA 17013-2896 (717/245-1521).

The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations will hold its annual meeting at the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, June 3-6, 1993. Papers in four broad areas are invited: Considering Civilizations Past, Present, and Future; Strategies for Teaching About Civilizations; Ways to View Civilizations; and Special Problems and Processes in Civilization Studies. Proposed papers should be sent to Professor Raymond Lewis, Department of Social Sciences, Keith 323, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475 (606/622-1365).

The Southern American Studies Association invites papers for its next meeting to be held in New Orleans, February 25-28, 1993. Proposals for complete sessions and individual fifteen-minute papers are welcome for the following areas: World Fairs, Expositions, Exhibitions, Museums, New Art Forms, Modernism, Jazz, Blues, Photography, Cities, Expatriots, Collectors, Politics in Art (the New Deal, WPA, FSA), Art and Cultural Economics, and other cultural topics. Send proposals with a brief vita to Professor Richard H. Colin, Department of History, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148 (504/286-6880, fax 504/286-6883).