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HISTORY NEWS

Annual Meeting

The annual convention of the Florida Historical Society will be held in Pensacola, May 20-22, 1993, at the Pensacola Grand Hotel. The Florida Historical Confederation's sessions on the first day of the meeting will cover Historic Preservation Opportunities for Local Historical Societies, The Role of Video and Documenting Local History, and Preservation Possibilities: A Bleak Future?

The first conference session on Thursday evening will be chaired by J. Earle Bowden of the *Pensacola News Journal*, and the papers will relate to Pensacola in War and Peace. A total of fifty-one historians, anthropologists, archaeologists, archivists, teachers, graduate students, journalists, independent historical consultants, and writers will present papers and chair sessions. The major theme of the conference is Florida during World War II, but other papers and panels will discuss War and Colonial Florida; the Florida Environment; the Struggle for Racial Justice in Twentieth-Century Florida; Images of Florida; Race, Class, and Biography in Florida; Women and Florida; and the Struggle for Equal Rights in Florida. A wine and cheese reception is scheduled for the Museum of Industry, Historic Pensacola Village on Thursday evening. On Friday evening the reception will be sponsored by the Pensacola Historical Society and the Civil War Soldiers Museum. Dr. Samuel Proctor, who is retiring this year as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, will be the speaker at the banquet on Friday evening. Dr. David Colburn, president of the Society, will preside at the banquet and the business session. The winners of the Golden Quill Media Awards, Frederick Cubberly Prize, Governor LeRoy Collins Prize, Caroline Mays Brevard Prize, Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Prize, Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize, and the Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award will be announced at the banquet.

The Society's general business meeting will be held on Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. There will be a picnic at Fountain Park, Historic Pensacola Village on Saturday beginning at 12:30. A walking tour of Historic Pensacola is also scheduled for Satur-

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day afternoon, 1:30-3:30 P.M. Tours of the Navy Aviation Museum and the British fort excavation on Plaza Ferdinand are scheduled for Friday morning. Dr. Gary Mormino, University of South Florida, has served as program chairman.

Journeys for the Junior Historian

Susan Parker of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board has been appointed editor of *Journeys for the Junior Historian*, published by the Florida Historical Society. Members of the editorial board include Thomas Muir, Jr., Joe Knetsch, Morgan Strong, and Macintosh Strong. The most recent issue of *Journeys* includes articles on Fort Pickens, the Civil War in Florida and the escape through Florida of Confederate cabinet officers John C. Breckinridge and Judah P. Benjamin, an 1862 letter by Francis P. Fleming (later governor of Florida), and a short story, "A Civil War Romance," by Page Edwards, Jr. *Journeys* is published three times a year, and the annual subscription rate is \$5.00. For information write the Florida Historical Society, P. O. Box 290197, Tampa, FL 33687-0197.

Northeast Florida History

The Jacksonville Historical Society has launched a new publication, *Northeast Florida History*. Dr. Daniel L. Schafer, professor of history, University of North Florida, is editor. The first issue includes articles on Jacksonville's Greek-American community and its Jewish community, the lumber industry, women in rural Clay County, and the story of the killing of a giant rattlesnake at Jacksonville Beach in 1937. There is also a poem, "Isiah David Hart: American Man," by Richard A. Martin. The Society also publishes the *Jacksonville Historical Quarterly*. For information on membership and the publications write the Society, 300-C Wharfside Way, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

National Register of Historic Places

The Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources, reports that the following Florida properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places during the year 1992: *Brevard County*— Community Chapel of Melbourne Beach; Barton Avenue Residential District; Rockledge Drive Residential District; and Valencia Subdivision Residential District.

Citrus County— Old Citrus County Courthouse. *Dade County*— Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church; St. John's Baptist Church; and Bay Shore Historic District. *Duval County*— Young Men's Hebrew Association; Woman's Club of Jacksonville; Buckman and Ulmer Building; Church of the Immaculate Conception; Groover Street Drug Company Building; Mount Zion A.M.E. Church; Plaza Hotel; and South Atlantic Investment Corporation Building. *Flagler County*— Old Bunnell State Bank Building. *Indian River County*— Vero Theatre. *Lake County*— Old Mount Dora A.C.L. Railroad Station. *Lee County*— Paul Lawrence Dunbar School. *Leon County*— Flavius Coles Farm House. *Monroe County*— African Queen; and George Adderley House. *Okaloosa County*— Gulfview Hotel Historic District. *Orange County*— Lake Eola Heights Historic District; and Twin Mounds Archaeological District. *Palm Beach County*— John and Elizabeth Sundy House; Northwest Historic District; West Palm Beach National Guard Armory; and Fred C. Aiken House. *Pinellas County*— Ingleside; and Old Pinellas County Courthouse. *Santa Rosa County*— Mt. Pilgrim African Baptist Church. *Sarasota County*— Bacheller-Brewer Model Home Estate. *Seminole County*— St. James A.M.E. Church. *St. Johns County*— St. Augustine Alligator Farm Historic District. *Union County*— Townsend Building. *Volusia County*— Cornelia S. Young Memorial Library; White Hall; and West DeLand Residential District. *Walton County*— Perry L. Biddle House; and DeFuniak Springs Historic District.

Awards and Recognitions

The St. Augustine Historical Society's 1992 Awards for Excellence were announced at the Society's annual meeting in January. Dr. Kathleen Deagan, curator of historical archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History and professor of archaeology at the University of Florida, was recognized for her contributions through her archaeological work in Florida and the Caribbean. Dr. Eugene Lyon, director of the Center for Historic Research at Flagler College and adjunct professor of history at the University of Florida, was cited for his special studies and continuing research on the sixteenth-century Spanish presence in North America. Dr. John Griffin and Dr. Patricia Griffin each received an award for their scholarly contributions to St. Augustine and Florida history. Don Secor, who

serves as a docent at the St. Augustine Lighthouse Museum, received an award for outstanding volunteer work in the St. Augustine community.

Dr. Donald W. Curl, Florida Atlantic University, received the 1993 Judge James R. Knott Award from the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. It recognizes his many years of service to the historical community and his many contributions to the writing and preservation of Palm Beach County history. The award was presented at a luncheon in Dr. Curl's honor on February 18, 1993, at Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach. Dr. Curl has served on the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society and held several offices, including president of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. He is the author and editor of numerous books and articles relating to Florida and Palm Beach County history. His *Mizner's Florida: American Resort Architecture* received the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award from the Florida Historical Society in 1984. Dr. Curl's article "Joseph Urban's Palm Beach Architecture" is included in this issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Mrs. Leora Sutton of Pensacola received the Adelia Roscoe-Sole Award from the West Florida Literary Association for her outstanding literary achievements. Mrs. Sutton's monographs and articles and her research have been devoted to the Pensacola and West Florida area.

Call for Papers

The Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will hold its fourteenth meeting in Mobile, Alabama, October 7-9, 1993. The program committee invites proposals for single papers and full sessions relating to the conference theme: "The Gulf Coast in the Gilded Age." Include a brief summary of the proposed paper(s) and a curriculum vitae of each presenter to Professor Michael Thomason, Department of History, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688 (telephone: 205/460-6210; fax: 205/460-6750).

The Southern Association for Women Historians invites proposals for the Third Southern Conference on Women's His-

tory, to be held June 2-5, 1994. Proposals for individual papers and complete sessions, panel discussions, round tables, and media presentations are welcome. Although the conference is regionally based, proposals from all parts of the country are welcomed, especially from young scholars and graduate students. Proposals with a brief synopsis should be submitted to Professor Joan Cashin, Department of History, Ohio State University, 106 Dulles, 230 West 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210 (telephone: 614/292-2674) by June 15, 1993.

The program committee for the 1994 Western History Association meeting scheduled for Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 20-23, 1994, welcomes proposals for sessions. Include a brief summary of prospective papers with a short identification of each presenter, chair, and commentator. Send proposals by September 1, 1993, to the committee chair, Dr. Melody Webb, P. O. Box 308, Moose, WY 83012.

The Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum, established by the Seminole Tribal Museum Authority, opened at the Hollywood Reservation facility on November 20, 1992. The museum's goal is to preserve and protect Seminole history and culture. James E. Billy, chairman of the Tribal Council of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and chairman of the Seminole Tribal Museum Authority, and Billy Cypress, executive director of the Museum Authority, were the speakers for the opening ceremonies. The museum's board of commissioners include James E. Billy; Joel M. Frank, Sr., vice-chairman; Priscilla D. Saylen, secretary/treasurer; and David Cypress, Louise Gopher, Carol Cypress, and Jeannette Cypress. On January 28, 1993, ground was broken for the construction of the first permanent museum building at the site of the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation. This is the first phase of a five-year \$10,000,000 project.

Dr. Steven Lawson, chairman of the Department of History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, presented the annual Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Lecture at Guilford College. His topic was "The Political Impact of the Civil Rights Movement." Dr. Patrick was professor of history and chairman of the Department of History at the University of Florida. He

was an officer in the Florida Historical Society and served as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame is offering three \$12,000 dissertation fellowships for the academic year 1994-1995 for the study of the history of United States Hispanic Catholics. Application forms must be requested by November 1, 1993, and returned by January 1, 1994. For information and applications contact the director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, 614 Hesburgh Library, Notre Dame, IN 46556 (telephone: 219/631-5441).

The St. Petersburg Historical and Flight One Museum has reopened after major renovations. In one pavilion is the Benoist airboat, a copy of a biplane piloted by Tony Jannus in 1914. It was part of the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line. The museum is open 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Saturday and Sunday afternoons.