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Awards

The St. Augustine Historical Society announced its 1993 awards at its January meeting. Michael Gannon, distinguished service professor and director of the Early Contact Institute at the University of Florida, received the award for extraordinary contributions to the St. Augustine historical community. Among Professor Gannon's many activities, the Society took special note of his numerous scholarly writings, his years of teaching Florida history, and his devotion to historic preservation and research. Dr. William R. Adams, president of Historic Property Associates in St. Augustine, received an award for outstanding professional work. Dr. Adams was praised for his continuing contributions to St. Augustine's preservation efforts. Daniel L. Schafer, professor of history at the University of North Florida, was presented with an award for scholarly contributions in the fields of St. Augustine and Florida history. The awards committee noted his many articles and book publications in these areas. Finally, Charles A. Tingley received the award for outstanding volunteer work in the St. Augustine community. He was founding president of the Friends of St. Augustine Architecture and is the current president of the St. Augustine Archaeology Association.

The Tampa Historical Society recently announced that its D. B. McKay Award was presented to Robert E. Synder and Jack B. Moore, both of the University of South Florida, for their publication *Pioneer Commercial Photography: The Burgert Brothers, Tampa, Florida*. The volume won the 1992 Charlton Tebeau Award of the Florida Historical Society.

Michael Gannon and Kathleen Deagan, both of the University of Florida, have received a sizable award to continue their study of the remains of the first Pedro de Menendez fort (1565) at St. Augustine. The site has been called the "Spanish Plymouth Rock." Those interested in learning more about the fort may consult the January 1993 issue of *Discover* magazine, which features the discovery as one of the top fifty science stories of the year.

Meetings

The Florida Historical Society will hold its 92nd annual meeting at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, Fort Myers, Florida, on May 19-21, 1994. The theme of the meeting is "Pathfinders of Florida." The gathering will be hosted by the Fort Myers Historical Society and Museum, which has scheduled a variety of tours and events. Anyone with questions about the program for the meeting should contact Dr. Daniel Schafer, Department of History, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL 32216; (904) 646-2880. Questions concerning local arrangements and conference activities should be directed to Patti Bartlett, Director, Fort Myers Historical Museum, P. O. Drawer 2217, 2300 Peck Street, Fort Myers, FL 33902-2217; (813) 332-5955.

The inaugural meeting of the Southern Oral History Organization will take place at the Atlanta History Center on April 29-30, 1994. Highlighting the meeting will be a screening of the recently completed documentary film "The Uprising of 1934," which portrays Piedmont mill workers and the textile strike of 1934. Award-winning film makers George Stoney and Judith Helfand will be present to discuss their work. The meeting will also feature workshops on oral history and the classroom, the media and oral history, and community-based oral history. Persons interested in learning more about the Southern Oral History Organization can contact Cliff Kuhn, Department of History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303; (404) 651-3255.

A competition will be held to select outstanding papers to be included on the program for the Religion and the American Civil War Symposium, scheduled for October 13-16, 1994. The meeting is sponsored by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, in cooperation with the Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture. It is funded by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trust. Those interested should send a one-page abstract and a vita to Charles Reagan Wilson at the Center, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677. Papers selected will also be included in a volume of edited papers on the subject following the conference.

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 1993: *Brevard County*— Dr. George E. Hill House; and Marion S. Whaley Citrus Packing House. *Citrus County*— Floral City Historic District. *Columbia County*— Horace Duncan House; and Lake Isabella Historic Residential District. *Duval County*— Casa Marian Hotel. *Highlands County*— Elizabeth Haines House; and Old Lake Placid ACL Railroad Depot. *Hillsborough County*— Downtown Plant City Commercial District; North Plant City Residential District; and Seminole Heights Historic District. *Indian River County*— Old Vero Beach Community Building. *Lake County*— Clermont Woman's Club. *Leon County*— Leon High School. *Manatee County*— Whitfield Estates-Broughton Street Historic District. *Marion County*— Alfred Ayer House; General Robert Bullock House; James Riley Josselyn House; Thomas R. Ayer House; and Lake Weir Yacht Club. *Martin County*— Lyric Theatre. *Orange County*— Apopka Seaboard Air Line Railway Depot; Carroll Building; John N. Huttig Estate; and Ryan & Company Lumber Yard. *Palm Beach County*— Via Mizner. *Polk County*— Bartow Downtown Commercial District; Beacon Hill-Alta Vista Historic District; East Lake Morton Residential District; Mountain Lake Estates Historic District; Northeast Bartow Residential District; Old Lakeland High School; Polk Theatre & Office Building; and South Bartow Residential District. *Sarasota County*— Earle House; and El Patio Apartments. *St. Johns County*— Solla-Carcaba Cigar Factory; Villa Zorayda; and Xavier Lopez House. *Volusia County*— Amos Kling House; Ann Stevens House; Barberville Central High School; Bartholomew J. Donnelly House; El Pino Parque Historic District; Gamble Place Historic District; Olds Hall; Strawn Historic Agricultural District; Strawn Historic Citrus Packing House District; Strawn Historic Sawmill District; and Holly Hill Municipal Building. *Wakulla County*— Wakulla Springs Archaeological & Historic District.

Activities

The St. Augustine Historical Society has recently inaugurated a research project entitled "The Black Heritage of St. Augustine" and is currently surveying historical, anthropological,

and cultural work being done on the subject. The Society is soliciting news of ongoing research and reprints of published work on the black experience, and it requests that articles to be considered for publication in *El Escribano*, the Society's publication, be sent as well. For information contact Page Edwards, Jr., Director, St. Augustine Historical Society, 271 Charlotte Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The Florida Humanities Council has recently announced its 1994 Speakers Bureau. Any nonprofit organization in the state that is likely to attract an audience of thirty or more is eligible to request a speaker. Speakers' expenses are paid by the Florida Humanities Council; the primary responsibility of the hosting organization consists of providing an audience, a suitable meeting room, and adequate publicity. Listed speakers for 1994 include many Florida Historical Society members, including Canter Brown and James Denham. A full listing is contained in the Council's brochure, along with application procedures and an explanation of guidelines. Contact the Council at 1514½ East Eight Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605-3708; (813) 272-3473.

"Places in Time: Historic Landscapes and Architecture in Dade County," will be a featured exhibition at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. The show contains more than 100 platinum prints of historic sites in Dade County by architectural and fine art photographer John Gillan. It will run from April 22 to July 4, 1994. For more information write the Museum at Metro-Dade Cultural Center, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130.

The editors of *CrossRoads: A Journal of Southern Culture* are soliciting manuscript submissions for the fourth issue of the journal to be published in Spring 1994. Work from academic, creative, popular, and folk perspectives on any aspect of the featured topic, "The Southern Landscape: A Southern 'Sense of Place,'" will be considered. Scholarly papers should be accessible, accurate, and tightly constructed; all submissions should be typed and double-spaced. Authors should make use of the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Include a correctly stamped, self-addressed envelope and a short biographical statement. Submissions should be mailed to P. O. Box 726, University, MS 38677.

The Alachua County Museum and Archives has recently opened in Gainesville, the first phase in the development of the county's Matheson History Center complex. The larger project will encompass the renovation of the 1867 Matheson House and the opening of an adjacent native plant botanical garden. The new museum and archive facility houses thousands of documents, books, photographs, maps, and artifacts specific to the area, and it is one of the most comprehensive repositories of local history in the state. Heretofore many of these items had reposed in private collections or were forgotten for decades in attics and scrapbooks.

"Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida," a travelling display of about 500 photographs, documents, and other objects, was created a decade ago at the Soref Jewish Community Center in Fort Lauderdale. The exhibit chronicles the 231-year history of Florida's Jews. It has travelled to eleven Florida cities over the past several years and is now on display in the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.—the first stop on a national tour.

The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia, will present an exhibition of paintings by Earl Cunningham (1893-1977), a self-taught American artist, from February 12 to June 18, 1994, at the High Folk Art and Photography Galleries. Inspired by the Maine seacoast of his childhood and by Florida, where he later settled, Cunningham painted hundreds of seascapes. He also drew from his nautical experiences sailing schooners. For further information, write or call High Folk Art and Photography Galleries, Georgia-Pacific Center, 30 Houston Street, Atlanta, GA 30303; (404) 898-9286.

Obituaries

Herbert J. "Jack" Doherty, Jr., died suddenly in his home in Gainesville, Florida, on December 12, 1993. With his passing, the Florida Historical Society has lost a long-time supporter and true friend. Jack served as editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, 1962-1964, and as a valuable member of the journal's editorial board from 1969 to his death. He also sat as a member of the Society's board of directors from 1962-1972 and from 1977-

1978. Most notably, Jack Doherty served with distinction as president of the Florida Historical Society from 1966-1968. Throughout his association with the Society, he has dutifully carried out numerous committee assignments on behalf of Florida history. In addition to promoting the state's history through his leadership and administrative expertise, he also made important scholarly contributions. Jack Doherty published two well received books in state history, *The Whigs of Florida* (1959) and *Richard Keith Call* (1961), in addition to numerous carefully crafted articles and book reviews. Readers of the journal are very familiar with the many essays he has contributed over the years, most of which have focused on the political history of Florida and development of the state's railroads. He will be sorely missed by all his friends and associates, as well as by everyone who shares his delight in the history of Florida.

Anthony P. "Tony" Pizzo, founder and first president of the Tampa Historical Society, died on January 2, 1994. In honor of his many contributions to Tampa history, the Tampa Historical Society has created the Tony Pizzo History Award, which will be given each year to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the understanding and preservation of the city's past. More information on the award can be obtained by contacting the Society at 305 Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606; (813) 259-1111.