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HISTORY NEWS

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the Society is scheduled for May 29-31, 1997. The Jacksonville Historical Society will be the primary host. The headquarters hotel will be the Radisson River Walk where the room rate for single or double occupancy is \$65 per night. The general theme of the event is "War Along the St. Johns," but scholarly papers on all subjects and periods relating to Florida are appropriate for presentation. Participants are encouraged to submit complete sessions (two papers, plus a chair) for the program. Dr. Robert A. Taylor, Florida Atlantic University, is in charge of the program. A proposal of about 250 words should be sent to him for consideration. He may be contacted by calling (407) 461-5522 or by writing to 1015 Martinique Avenue, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982.

Journeys for the Junior Historian, the Society's magazine for youths, is now being edited by Cynthia Putnam Trefelner. Now in its fifth year of publication, the magazine is available for subscription for \$10.00 per year. Subscriptions should be sent to the Florida Historical Society, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32935. Individuals wishing to contribute articles, pictures, or information can contact Ms. Trefelner directly by calling (407) 461-3185 or by E-Mail at cynthiatre@aol.com. The magazine is published four times a year. The Summer 1996 issue was dedicated to the Seminole people of Florida. Future issues will focus on Florida cowmen, the Florida frontier, the evolution of education of our state, and Florida counties.

David Boulter of Sugar Island Writers (P.O. Box 21017, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 7A3) is seeking information on a film, *Blue Water*, produced in the Tampa (?) area in 1922-1923. The film starred Norma Shearer, was directed by David Hartford, and was produced by Ernest Shipman. Mr. Boulter is looking for still photographs of the "shoot." If you are familiar with the film, if you have any photographs, or if you know the whereabouts of any, please contact Mr. Boulter.

Robert L. Achor, (941) 591-3580, is seeking material on an old Spanish mission that was located on the Old Spanish Road east of Lake City, Florida. If you can help, please contact Mr. Achor.

J. Thomas Touchton, president of the Tampa Bay History Center, has announced the appointment of Canter Brown as the "historian in residence" for the Center. According to Touchton, Brown will "do historical research . . . about the immediate Hillsborough County area, writ[e] articles and pamphlets about area history. . . , and [speak] at a number of different public functions as [the Center's] representative." The appointment is for two years.

The Florida Black Historical Research Project has published its first quarterly newsletter. Individuals interested in finding out more about this organization can contact it at P.O. Box 225, West Palm Beach, FL 33402.

Miami, where "close to 400 people" gathered to incorporate in 1896, is celebrating its centennial this year. A central focus of the celebration was the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's exhibit entitled *Miami: The First 100 Years*, which ran from April 19 through September 29, 1996. The exhibit was produced by the Historical Museum; sponsored by the State Division of Historical Resources, the State Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Arts Council; and supported by the Metropolitan Dade County Cultural Affairs Council, the Metropolitan Dade County Board of County Commissioners, the members of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, and the First Union National Bank of Florida. The exhibit was organized along a time line from the great freezes of 1895 and the arrival of the first train in 1896 to the present. Notice was received too late for inclusion in an earlier number of the *Quarterly*, but it still seemed appropriate for inclusion in *History News*. The celebration continues with *Celebrating Florida's History: Works of Art from the Vickers Collection* from October 11 through January 26, 1997, the *4th Annual Historical Museum Golf Classic* at the Biltmore Hotel and Golf Course on October 30, and the *Harvest Festival* at the Dade County Youth Fair on November 23-24.

The Henry B. Plant Museum's "Coming of Age: Tampa Women at the Turn of the Century," will be open from September 15 through November 19. The exhibit explores the role and presence

of women in Tampa during the decades at the turn of the 20th century. It features both the residents of the community and those who visited the Tampa Bay Hotel. Running from September 7 through November 16 will be the Antique Appraisal Clinic presented by Helga Zipset, a member of the Appraiser's Association of America. There will be a charge of \$5.00 in the form of a donation to the restoration and renovation fund. The Museum also announces its 15th Annual Victorian Christmas Stroll: Magical Memories of a Fairy Tale Past which will portray the elegance of holidays past at the Henry B. Plant Museum. Holiday music, hot cider, and cookies on the veranda as well as changing daily entertainment will be available from December 1 through December 23, 1:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. daily. For further information call Amy Lagae at (813) 254-1891, ext. 23.

Society member Patsy West was asked by the editors of *Native Peoples* magazine to write for them an article on the Seminoles in the 1930s. The article appeared in *Native Peoples*, Spring 1996.

Awards and Honors

The Florida Historical Society annually awards three prizes for original work in Florida history. Those for 1995 were announced at the annual meeting in Cocoa Beach, May 23-25, 1996. The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for the best article in the *Quarterly* was received by Raymond A. Mohl, Florida Atlantic University, for "Asian Immigration to Florida," which appeared in the Winter 1996 issue. The judges were Paul George, Miami-Dade Community College, M. Edward Hughes, Longwood, and Stuart McIver, Lighthouse Point. The prize memorializes Professor Thompson, a long-time member of the history faculty at the University of Florida. His family established an endowment which supports the annual grant.

The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award was given to David R. Colburn, University of Florida, and Jane L. Landers, Vanderbilt University, for the *African-American Heritage of Florida*, published by the University of Florida. The judges were Eugene Lyon, Flagler College, Michael V. Gannon, University of Florida, and Carolyn Johnston, Eckerd College. Rembert Patrick was secretary of the Society and long-time editor of the *Quarterly*. He was also chairman of the history department at the University of Florida and past president of the Southern Historical Association.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award was presented to Kathleen Deagan and Darcie MacMahon, both of the University of Florida, for their *Fort Mose: Colonial America's Black Fortress of Freedom*, published by the University Press of Florida. The judges were David J. Coles, Florida State Archives, Sherry Johnson, Florida International University, and Andrew J. Brian, Historical Association of South Florida. Dr. Tebeau is professor emeritus of history at the University of Miami.

The Society also recognizes outstanding essays in Florida history submitted by students. The 1995 Leroy Collins Prize for the best essay by a graduate or undergraduate student went to Gary Garrett of the University of South Florida for "Blasting Through Paradise: The Construction and Consequences of the Tamiami Trail." The Carolyn Mays Brevard Prize was awarded to Sharyn Chen for the best essay by an undergraduate student. Her essay was entitled "Pinecraft: A Radically Traditional Community." The Frederick Cubberly Prize for the best essay by a middle/high school student was awarded to Justin Johnson for "A. Philip Randolph: Taking a Stand for Civil Rights." His teacher at Pensacola High School is Connie Brown.

The Society also gave four Golden Quill Awards for outstanding media participation relating to Florida history. For the best history videos, the recipients were the National Society of Colonial Dames in America in Florida for "Florida: The 27th Star" and the Stuart Heritage Council for "Pioneer Memories: A History of Cattle and Citrus in Martin County, Florida." The award for the best newspaper series went to Eliot Kleinberg of the *Palm Beach Post*. Buzz Conover was recognized for his work at Florida Public Radio.

The Historical Museum of Southern Florida and the Jay I. Kislak Foundation awarded the 1995-1996 Kislak Foundation Prize to Dr. Marianne Sherry Johnson for her dissertation entitled "Honor is Life: Military Reform and the Transformation of Cuban Society, 1753-1796," which was completed at the University of Florida in 1995. This is the second award given in this biennial competition. The prize is \$5,000.

The Kislak Foundation established the prize to promote scholarship in the field of "Americana," primarily in Florida, the Carib-

bean and Mexico-Central America. Researchers may compete for the biennial award of \$5,000 in the category of Dissertation or Monograph in History or Anthropology. Students may compete for an annual award of \$1,000 for first prize and \$500 for second prize in the category of Student Research Paper in History or Anthropology. There is also an accompanying prize of \$100 for the first prize winner's professor. For further information contact Rebecca Eads or Nicole Shuey at (305) 375-1492, or Brigham Communications Inc. at (305) 448-2349.

The Georgia Historical Society announced the following awards at its annual meeting in Savannah on April 20. The E. Merton Coulter Award for the best article in a 1995 issue of the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, with a stipend of \$500, was presented to Frederick A. Bode for "A Common Sphere: White Evangelicals and Gender in Antebellum Georgia," which appeared in the Winter 1995 issue. The William Bacon Stevens Award, with a \$250 stipend, is given for the best article by a student published in the *Quarterly* over a two-year period. This year's recipient was Stephen Tuck for his "A City Too Dignified to Hate: Civic Pride, Civil Rights, and Savannah in Comparative Perspective," which appeared in the Fall 1995 issue of the *Quarterly*. It appeared as part of a special section on "British Scholarship on the Civil Rights Movement in Georgia." Tuck, a London native, is currently a doctoral student in American history at Cambridge University.

Call for Papers

The Florida Historical Society announces prizes to be awarded on a competitive basis in three categories. The Leroy Collins Graduate Essay competition is open to all graduate students in all universities. Eligible are papers written on Florida history topics which are the result of in-class assignments. The papers must be properly footnoted, show evidence of substantial scholarship, and be completed in the calendar year prior to the submission date. The award in this category is \$250 and a plaque.

The Carolyn Mays Brevard Undergraduate Essay competition is open to all undergraduate students in all universities, college and community colleges. Papers are to be written on Florida history topics, show evidence of substantial scholarship, and be com-

pleted within the calendar year prior to the submission date. The award in this category is \$250 and a plaque.

The Frederick Cubberly High School Essay competition is open to all high school students in Florida (public, private, or home) in grades 8-12. The papers are to be written on Florida history topics, be the result of in-class assignments, be properly footnoted, show evidence of substantial scholarship, and be completed within the calendar year prior to the submission date. The Cubberly award is also \$250 and a plaque.

The procedures for submitting papers for consideration are the same in all three above categories. Papers should be sent in five (5) copies, with a cover letter detailing the class for which it was written and a *curriculum vitae* or *resume*. A valid telephone number and address should be included. The deadline for submission is April 15, 1997. The awards will be made at the Society's annual banquet on May 30, 1997 in Jacksonville, Florida, and the winner is expected to attend. Entries should be mailed to: The Florida Historical Society, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32935, and must be received by 5:00p.m. on April 15.

The Florida Conference of Historians will hold its annual meeting at Jacksonville University February 27 through March 1, 1997. The banquet speaker will be Dr. Emory Thomas of the University of Georgia and the luncheon speaker will be Dr. Andrei Safirov of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Conference is calling for papers and participation from Florida's professors, teachers, graduate students, museum directors, and others. There will be full panel sessions as well as individual presentations on all subjects of historical interest. Presentations may stress research interests or pedagogical concerns. Papers on local history and the connections between professional historians and the general public are encouraged. Also welcome are presentations drawing on archaeology and anthropology. Papers, proposals, and requests for further information should be sent to Jay Clarke, Division of Social Sciences, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL 32211. He may be reached by telephone at (904) 745-7211 or by e-mail at jclarke@junix.ju.edu.