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## HISTORY NEWS

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the Florida Historical Society and the Florida Historical Confederation is scheduled for May 29-31 at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel in Jacksonville. The theme of the meeting is "Bridging Time: Life Along the St. Johns." The Jacksonville Historical Society is the prime sponsor of the 1997 event. Friends of Florida history are invited to attend.

The National Town Meeting of the Main Street Program is scheduled for April 27-30 in Portland, OR. For more information, call the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation at (904) 224-8128.

The Boca Grande Historical Society has "First Florida State Flag" license plates for sale. The plate, suitable for mounting on the front bumper of a Florida automobile, has a reproduction of the first flag of Florida emblazoned with the words, "Let Us Alone." Tags are \$15.00 each (\$10.00 of that amount is tax deductible) and can be purchased from: The Boca Grande Historical Society, Box 553, Boca Grande, FL 33921.

The Florida Association of Museum's Fall Expo is slated for September 23-26, 1997, in Sarasota. For more information call (904) 222-6028.

### *Personnel Moves*

The Maitland Historical Society has hired Reatha Thomas as its new director. Ms. Thomas will be responsible for the operation of the Waterhouse Residence Museum, the Carpentry Shop, and the Telephone Museum in Maitland. Ms. Thomas is a sixth generation Floridian and a native of St. Augustine.

Deborah Scott is now the Museum Director for the Polk County Historical Society. Deborah was formerly with the Citrus County Historical Society. Friends can reach her at (941) 534-4385. Kathy Turner Thompson is the new Director of the Citrus County Office of Historical Resource. Ms. Turner, who is attending Saint Leo College, replaces Deborah Scott.

The Delray Beach Historical Society will exhibit "History of Theater in Delray Beach," a special salute to the Delray Beach Playhouse in the Cornell Archives Room at Old School Square. The ex-

hibit will run from February 6 to May 6. For more information call Dottie Patterson at (561) 274-9578.

"Society Happenings and Events of Interest: 100 Years of the *Palm Beach Daily News*," an exhibit at the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, features historic photographs and "front page" stories from the *Palm Beach Daily News*. Dates: January 17-August 3. For more information, call (561) 655-2833.

#### *New Library*

The Florida Historical Library Foundation, Incorporated has been formed to operate the Florida Historical Library at 435 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa. The Library, which will incorporate the collections of the Florida Historical Society, is housed in a 1939 WPA-constructed former post office building.

Dr. Robert A. Taylor of Fort Pierce has agreed to serve as the Interim Director of Collections.

Preservation and renovation grants have been applied for. It is anticipated that the renovations will take two years to complete. The Library needs microfilm readers, filing cabinets, and map cases. Individuals or corporations wishing to donate these items should call Nick Wynne at (407) 259-0694.

Individuals wishing to contribute to the creation of this new research facility can become a "Founding Fellow" for a \$100 contribution or a "Research Fellow" for a \$20.00 contribution. Both categories of contributors will receive a beautiful parchment certificate. The names of "Founding Fellows" will be permanently inscribed on a plaque in the building lobby. Send contributions to: The Florida Historical Library Foundation, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32935.

#### *Golden Quill Awards*

April 15, 1997, is the deadline for submissions to the Society's annual Golden Quill Awards. Two awards for electronic journalism (news stories, radio spots, videos, Public Service Announcements) will be made. Two additional awards for print journalism (monographs, newsletters, newspaper articles/columns, children's stories, etc.) will also be made. No entry fee is charged. Five copies of all submissions should be sent to Dr. Nick Wynne, Florida Historical Society, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32935.

*Volunteer Awards*

The Florida Historical Confederation has set April 15 as the deadline for submission of nominations for "Local Volunteer" awards. Contact Nick Wynne at (407) 259-0694 for more information about the Confederation awards program.

**Call for Manuscripts**

The *Florida Historical Quarterly* is planning a special issue for Spring 1998 to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Papers on any aspect of the space industry, particularly its effect on Florida, are welcome. Manuscripts should follow guidelines as printed in the *Quarterly* and should be submitted for consideration by October 1, 1997.

Please send all manuscripts and inquiries to:

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