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HISTORY NEWS

Call for Papers/Conferences

1998 FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

“The Spanish American War:
A Centennial Observance, 1898-1998”

May 28-30, 1998
Holiday Inn Select
Downtown Tampa

Room rate for the conference will be \$65.00, double or single

Call for papers: Please send a brief synopsis of proposed paper (not more than 500 words) with a current curriculum vitae. Individual papers and panels accepted. Please include audio-visual requirements, if any. Specify which date (Friday or Saturday) best suits your travel plans. Please send proposals to:

Dr. Raymond Arsenault, Program Chair
Department of History
University of South Florida-St. Petersburg
140 7th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Deadline for Submissions: January 15, 1998

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

The Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association will be held at Buffalo, New York. The theme of the conference is “Crossing the Boundary, Crossing the Line: Oral History on the Border.” *Deadline for paper proposals is December 15, 1997*. For details, contact

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The Eleventh Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Breaking Boundaries," will be held on June 4-6, 1999, at the University of Rochester, New York. Submit proposals in triplicate, post-marked by January 31, 1998, in a single packet marked "ATTN: Berkshire Conference" to the appropriate chair. Send proposals on U.S. and Canadian topics to Nell Painter, Department of History, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544-1017; on European topics to Sharon Strocchia, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322; on Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Pacific, and all comparative topics to Teresa Meade, Department of History, Union College, Schenectady, NY 12308-2365. For more information, visit the conference website at www-berks.aas.duke.edu.

Awards and Honors

The Florida Historical Society annually awards three prizes for original work in Florida history. Those for 1996-97 were announced at the annual meeting in Jacksonville, May 29-31, 1997. The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for the best article in the *Quarterly* was awarded to Raymond B. Vickers for "Addison Mizner: Promoter in Paradise," which appeared in the Spring 1997 issue. 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 John H. Hann, Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, for *A History of the Timucua Indians and Missions* published by the University Press of Florida. 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 Gregory Bush and Arva Moore Parks for their *Miami, The American Crossroad: A Centennial Journey, 1896-1996* published by Prentice Hall. 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 1996-97 Leroy Collins Prize for the best essay by a graduate or undergraduate student went to Susan R. Parker of the University of Florida for "Spanish Florida's 'Urban' Indians." Ms. Parker, a doctoral candidate, has also been awarded one of the American Historical Association's prestigious Albert Beveridge grants for research in the history of the Western Hemisphere.

The Carolyn Mays Brevard Prize was awarded to Ian D. Joseph, Florida Institute of Technology, for the best essay by an undergraduate student. His essay was entitled "Zora Neal Hurston: Lone Conqueror of the Double-Conscious Demon." The Frederick Cubberly Prize for the best essay by a middle/high school student was awarded to Melanie Brown for "Old Hometown Community Classroom." Her teacher at Pensacola High School is Connie Brown.

The Society also gave four Golden Quill Awards for outstanding media participation relating to Florida history. *Florida Living Magazine* was awarded for its continuing excellence. For outstanding print media, the recipients were Roberta Sandler for "Guide to Florida Historic Walking Tours" and U. S. Cleveland and Lindsey Williams for "Our Fascinating Past, Charlotte Harbor: The Later Years." Susan Gage was recognized for her work at Florida Public Radio.

The Florida Historical Society is currently accepting nominees for book and essay prizes to be awarded at the 1998 Annual Meeting. The Rembert W. Patrick Book Prize is awarded by the Society to the author of the best scholarly book in Florida history. The Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award is given to the author of the best book in Florida history for young readers. Books published during 1997 are eligible for the award. Those interested in submitting nominees should send six (6) copies of the book by April 15, 1998, to Dr. Nick Wynne, Executive Director, Florida Historical Society, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, Florida, 32935. Please be sure to indicate for which award you are applying.

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 \$200 and a plaque.

The Carolyn Mays Brevard Undergraduate Essay competition is open to all undergraduate students in all universities, colleges and community colleges. Papers are to be written on Florida history topics, show evidence of substantial scholarship, and be completed within the calendar year prior to the submission date. The prize consists of a \$200 stipend 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 carries a \$250 stipend and a beautiful 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, 1998. The awards will be made at the Society's annual banquet on May 30, 1998, in Tampa, 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 5:00 p.m. on April 15.

Noted historian and journalist Hampton Dunn of Tampa has been named the recipient of the Florida Historical Library Foundation's Pioneer Award for 1998. This annual award was created by the Foundation to recognize the contributions of individuals who are members of "pioneering" families and who have contributed to the knowledge of Florida and its peoples through books, oral histories, monographs, and documentaries. The award will be presented to Mr. Dunn at the Society's Annual Meeting banquet in Tampa in 1998.

Events

The Koreshan State Historic Site will host its Third Annual Old Time Music, Arts and Trades Festival November 15-16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event features local artists, period tradespeople, a Native American camp, musicians, food vendors and gift items for sale. Admission is three dollars per person. Children under six are free. The Park is located at U.S. Highway 41 and Corkscrew Road in Estero, two miles west of I-75 exit 19. Additional information regarding this event may be obtained by called the Park Manager at (941) 992-0311.

The Dade Battlefield Society and Florida Park Service will present the Seventeenth Annual Reenactment of Dade's Battle on Saturday and Sunday, January 3 and 4, 1998, at the Dade Battlefield State Park in Bushnell, Florida. The park opens at 10:00 a.m. The reenactment will be at 2:00 p.m. The day's activities will feature a Seminole Camp selling crafts, weapons, and clothing; a military encampment; books and paintings; an arms drill; and a museum. Donations are five dollars for an adult, children under twelve are admitted free. More detailed information may be obtained by calling (352) 793-4781.