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Conferences

“PLANTERS IN PARADISE: FLORIDA’S PLANTATION
ECONOMY

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

April 29-May 1, 1999
Daytona Beach Holiday Inn
Sunspreet Resort

Room Rate: \$72.00, Single or Double

Call for Papers

The annual meeting of the Florida Conference of Historians will be held in Fort Myers, April 15-17, 1999. This year’s conference theme is “History Rejuvenated: Trends, Themes, and Interpretations.” Paper proposals from all areas are welcome. The deadline for paper proposals is February 25, 1999. For more information, contact Dr. Irvin D. Solomon, History Program Director, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Meyers, Florida 33965-6565, phone (941) 590-7176, or e-mail: irvs@fgcu.edu.

Lecture Series

The Florida Lecture Series at Florida Southern College in Lakeland will host a trio of distinguished speakers beginning in January. On January 28, Steven B. Rogers, Senior Historian for the United States Justice Department, will deliver a speech entitled “The United States’ Search for Gold and Other Stolen Assets.” On February 25, retired civil rights leader Robert W. Saunders will be featured in a conversational program. And on March 25, Doris Weatherford, Professor of Women’s Studies at the University of South Florida, will deliver a speech exploring the women’s suffrage movement in Florida.

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Awards

The Florida Historical Society is currently accepting nominees for essay prizes to be awarded at the 1999 Annual Meeting.

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 for 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 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 plaque.

The procedures for submitting papers for consideration are the same in all three above categories. Applicants should send five (5) copies of their paper, along with a cover letter detailing the class for which it was written, and a resume. A valid telephone number and address should be included. The awards will be made at the Society's annual banquet in April 1999 in Daytona Beach and the winner is expected to attend. Entries should be mailed to: The Florida Historical Society, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, Florida, 32935, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 1999.

Patrick D. Smith, author of the award-winning historical novel *A Land Remembered*, has been selected for induction into the Florida

Artists Hall of Fame during 1999. Established in 1986, the Florida Artists Hall of Fame is the highest and most prestigious cultural honor bestowed upon an individual artist. Smith is the author of five other novels, numerous short stories, essays and articles. He currently resides in Merritt Island.

Exhibits and Tours

Historical Museum of Southern Florida's Historic Tours

Bonnet House/Ft. Lauderdale Beach Bus Tour, March 27, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

Brickell Avenue Walking Tour, April 11, 11:00 a.m.

Historic Gesu Church Tour, April 15, 4:00 p.m.

"Art Deco on the Bay" Boat Tour, April 18, 10:00 a.m.

"On the Road to Cutler" Bus Tour, May 2, 10:00 a.m.

Coconut Grove Walking Tour, May 8, 10:00 a.m.

Miami River Boat Tour, May 23, 10:00 a.m.

Metrorail Tour of Greater Miami, June 12, 10:00 a.m.

Stiltsville/Key Biscayne Twilight Boat Tour, June 27, 5:00 p.m.

For further information on these and other creative tours call (305) 375-1625 or contact by e-mail: marketing@historical-museum.org. www.historical-museum.org.

The Jay I. Kislak Foundation has completed plans for a traveling exhibit designed to celebrate the cultural history of Florida and the Caribbean. "*Continuity and Change*" will present the art, music, literature, crafts and cultural artifacts of Florida, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas and explore the ongoing process of adaption, assimilation, interpretation, and invention that is the essence of the American cultural experience. Further information on this exhibit or on the Kislak Foundation is available through their website: <http://www.jay-ikislakfoundation.org>.

The Sixth Annual International Miami Map Fair will be held at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Miami, February 6-7, 1999. The Fair will feature workshops and lectures, panel discussions, and antique maps for sale by prominent international dealers. The keynote speaker will be Philip Burden, author of *The Mapping of North America*. To obtain registration materials or information on general admission call (305) 375-1492 or e-mail your request to mapfair@historical-museum.org.

Booksellers from Maine to Illinois, from Maryland to Florida will be displaying thousands of books, maps, documents and other ephemera at the Fifth Annual Antiquarian Book Fair February 12, 13, and 14, 1999. The fair will be held at the Village Antiques Mall, 405 N. Highland Street, Mount Dora. The fair begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, and runs until 9:00 p.m. Sessions on Saturday and Sunday and run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. respectively. Admission for all persons over 12 is \$2.00, except for \$5.00 early admission on Friday, which is good for all three days. Part of the admission goes to benefit the W. T. Bland Public Library.

The Koreshan Unity Foundation, Inc., recently donated some 900 artifacts to the state park at Estero that was once the site of the turn-of-the-century utopian Koreshan Settlement. The artifacts have been on loan and housed in various historic buildings at the park for over 35 years. The Koreshan settlement in Estero is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For further information on the Koreshan State Historic Site contact the park manager at (941) 992-1607.

A series of six programs and a traveling exhibit, exploring the "Back to Africa" movement of the 1890s will be presented in north central Florida towns from September 1998 through 1999. The programs, funded by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and sponsored by the Matheson Historical Center, will be presented by scholars in black history. Each lecture will focus on different aspects of the movement and will be accompanied by a traveling exhibit. For further information on scheduled dates and towns contact the project director at (352) 475-2670.