

# PSL Historical Pioneer News



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## Society Annual Board Meeting Update

The Port St. Lucie Historical Society's annual meeting was held on January 31st at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.

The Board welcomed three new Board members who will be working with the board to open the doors of the first ever Port St. Lucie Historical Museum and Education Center later this year. The new members are Deanne Davis, Donnita Graben and Marty Zientz.

In addition to adding our new board members, Patricia Christensen and Dennis Grabhorn were reelected to an additional term in office. as electing new executive officers for the 2023 year. Christensen was also elected to Chair, Wade Willnow was elected to Vice Chair, Barbara Ann Smith will remain on as the Board secretary and Terissa Aronson will remain as the Treasurer.

In other business, the Board members were appointed to Standing Committee chair positions in the operation of the organization.

Any member of the Society is welcome to volunteer for any of the Standing Committees and to work with the Board. "This is going to be an exciting year," said Chair Patricia Christensen referring to the opening of the museum. "It is the perfect time to get involved and be a part of making history." If you are interested in getting involved, contact Patricia Christensen at [pchristensen@pslhistory.org](mailto:pchristensen@pslhistory.org)

### You are Invited

Come to our Historical Society Gathering is on February 15th at Santa Lucie River Club at Ballentrae. We will have a social half-hour beginning at 5:30 PM and dinner begins at 6. Our guest speaker is Roger Orr, long time city attorney for the City of Port St. Lucie. For more information or to RSVP, just go to our website [www.pslhistory.org](http://www.pslhistory.org)

### *Historical Museum inching along*

I hope this edition of the PSL Historical Society newsletter finds you well. This is hopefully going to be the year when we open the doors to our long awaited museum and education center.

If you drive by the site on Westmoreland Boulevard, next to the PSL Botanical Gardens, you can see the progress being made on the "Lodge", which has been painted a cocoa brown color. "It seems to be inching along" said Patricia Christensen, Chair of the Society, "but I can assure you, much work has been done and we are getting closer to moving in as each day passes."

If you would like to help us accomplish this major feat, you can begin by buying a brick that will be part of a beautiful courtyard being built between the two structures. Park benches, landscaping and other features are also part of the

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**Thanks to our members who continually support the Port St. Lucie Historical Society in so many ways!!!!**

## **GIVE A BRICK ... IT WILL LAST FOREVER**

As "The Port" takes shape on Westmoreland Boulevard, and the restoration of the historic homes began, the Port St. Lucie Historical Society took on a brick paver project to build a plaza between the two historic homes. The purpose of the project is to make the Society more financially sustainable, especially with the museum and education center opening sometime in 2023.

Be sure the names of your family, friends or firm will be cemented into Port St. Lucie's history. Show your pride in and support in your community. You can purchase one or more bricks to help build the patio between the historic homes. Engraved bricks will be installed on the plaza between the buildings. Two sizes are available at \$100 or \$200.

Ordering a brick is easy. Go to the PSL Historic Society website at [www.pslhistory.org](http://www.pslhistory.org) to complete the form. This would be a great holiday gift or a way for your company to show its civic pride. A brick can ideal to memorialize a family member, friend or pet.



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project, which will enhance the area.

Helping us grow our membership is another way, you can assist. It takes many hands to make a project like this successful. If you know of a friend or family member, invite them to join the society. It's very easy, just go to [pslhistory.org](http://pslhistory.org) and join.

There are also volunteer opportunities available and



### **NEXT SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**

Consider joining us at our PSL Historical Society Board meeting on February 28th. All our members in good standing are invited to attend.

We meet at the PSL Botanical Gardens. Meeting starts at noon. We hope to see you soon!

### **Annual membership invoices mailed**

The invoices for 2023 membership renewal were mailed out recently. If you haven't already paid at our last gathering or renewed on our website, please consider doing so, soon. We need your support in continuing the mission of the Historical Society and to get the doors open to our new museum and education center.

It is simple. Just go to the Society's website by at [www.pslhistory.org](http://www.pslhistory.org). If you have any questions, please contact Linda, our Membership Chair at [membership@pslhistory.org](mailto:membership@pslhistory.org)

Thank you for your continued support!

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