

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2020

Greetings Society Members:

Can you believe it's 2020? Thanks to all of you, our committed supporters, for helping us in our ongoing efforts to preserve the history of our fine county.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 23 from 2-6 is Spring's hot-ticket event-BLUEGRASS, BEER AND BUGGIES is a celebration of the coolest carriages and a preview of the best of the Buggies! This fundraiser is a fun family-oriented day that has something for everyone. Bring the kids and pretend-drive a real buggy (enclosed). Music is provided by Grant Maloy's bluegrass band, *Late Fer Dinner* and mountain dulcimer group *Send in the Music*. Tickets are on sale NOW.

Buggy update: We are waiting with white knuckles to see if the Governor will pass the budget so we can find out if our two grant awards will be funded at 100%. By the time you get this letter, that news should have arrived. If so, we will have met our goal of raising \$150,000 and the second phase of the project, the renovation of Building 302, can begin. Keep your fingers crossed! The buggies, now residing in a county facility where they were moved in July, have been treated for termites and the space is fumigated monthly. A conservator has been consulted and a detailed treatment plan has been created for their further preservation.

The Society has also purchased a trailer for the **Senator/Big Tree Traveling Exhibit** which is being modified for use with the addition of interior cases and exhibit spaces. An outside wrap advertising the exhibit is in the final stages of production. It will soon be on the road!

Quarterly meeting dates are as follows, with more details on the society's web page at www.seminolecountyhistoricalsociety.com All quarterly meetings are held in the Agricultural Extension Services Building at 250 County Home Rd. Sanford, starting at 6:30 with refreshments and a short business meeting. Free to the public.

- **Tuesday, April 23:** "A Tale of 33 Buggies." Kim Nelson recounts how the Museum obtained the Nygren Buggy Collection, its historical importance and the role buggies played in the history of transportation.
- **Tuesday, August 4:** "The Story of Thornby." Author Sandy Walters recounts the backstory of the town of Thornby, Florida as described in her recently published book.
- **Tuesday, November 17:** "1865-Richmond's Gold Comes to Florida". Historian Erwin Wunderlich of Longwood tells the story of the relocation of post-Civil-War riches to our peninsula.

The Museum has a myriad of programs too lengthy to list here so make sure to check its Facebook page and keep up with the changing exhibits, events and activities on such diverse topics as Segregation, Women's History, Genealogy and Archaeology. See you at the Museum!

Seminole County Historical Society Board Members

The Seminole County Historical Society and the Ladies 327 Supper Club Present



Saturday, May 23rd, 2020
2 - 6 p.m.

The Museum of Seminole County History

**Tickets - \$20.00 in advance, Kids up to
age 13 - \$5.00 \$25.00 at the door**

Tickets available at Ladies327.org

A portion of your ticket price may be tax-deductible

**Bluegrass and Dulcimer Mountain Music • Food Trucks
Beer and Wine • Kids Zone with Activities & Prizes
Museum Tours and Craft Vendors • Antique Buggies
& Carriages • Pretend-Drive a Real Buggy**



**Proceeds to benefit the Nygren Carriage Collection
Preview this educational Exhibit tracing horse-drawn vehicles
from 1795 through the automobile's arrival - opening SOON!**



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