

THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER

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Photo courtesy of the City of Port St. Lucie

Dear Society Members,

The day that many of us have all been waiting for will soon be upon us. Mark your calendars for September 25th. The doors of our beautiful Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center will be opening!! See the invitation on page two. All members are invited.

The Board of Directors and volunteers have been working tirelessly since we received the keys to the "Peacock Lodge", to prepare for opening day. After years of discussions and planning and then several months of our members meticulously going through thirty years of archives, items that have been collectibles, we are almost ready to put open our doors so residents and visitors can gain a better understanding of how Port St. Lucie came to be.

If you can't join us on September 25th, we will be open for visitors with regular hours beginning September 26th. Our website will be updated with our schedule, soon.

We will also be holding special events throughout the coming months, so plan to attend, meet our other members and enjoy learning more about how our beautiful city



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came to be the 6th largest and one of the fastest growing cities in the country.

Remember, if you are an early resident of the area or visited the area, we want to hear your stories. We will begin filming oral histories again sometime in October. You can email us at info@pslhistory.org for more information.

We are also looking for old photos of people and events from the 1950's and 60's and historic documents from those years as well. People say we don't have much history, but you would be surprised at what we have been uncovering in our archives.

We also invite you to consider volunteering some time to help us continue to grow our presence, and let others know about our history.

Finally, we will have a small gift shop with small items and trinkets for purchase to help support the museum. It's a great way to start that holiday shopping.

I hope to see you all soon!!!

Patricia Christensen

Chair

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

The Port St. Lucie Historical Society cordially invites you to the Grand Opening of the long awaited Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center

Grand

Opening

September 25, 2024 • 10:00am Píoneer Park 2456 SE Westmoreland Blvd. Port St. Lucíe, FL

> PLEASE RSVP to INFO@PSLHISTORY.ORG







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GIVE A BRICK, BUY 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. En-



graved 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 <u>pslhistory.org</u> to complete the form and make your payment. You will be notified when the bricks are being placed, sometime later this year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



You can be a part of the museum in so many ways

If you have some time on your hands and you would like to volunteer at the new museum, we are looking for you!

We have several areas where your expertise can be utilized. If you like to work on a computer and are familiar with Social media, our Social Media Chair could use your assistance and expertise.

We need photographers, writers and people familiar with publishing newsletters, to assist in other areas of our operations.

Our Archiving volunteers would love to train you to assist them in archiving the many hundreds of items that we have in our collections. If you like to organize events, we would like your help.

If you love our city and our history and would like to meet new people, come be a part of this historic time in our history, and volunteer to be a docent. We will train you, and it's easy and fun!



Finally, if you just like simple busy work and have a few hours on your hand every now and then, we have some of that too. No heavy lifting, yard work or cleaning involved. Everyone 18 years or older is welcome.

For more information, contact info@pslhistory.org or go to our website at pslhistory.org and fill out our volunteer form and someone will contact you.

Join the Port St. Lucie Historical Society At pslhistory.org

What's happening with the Society?

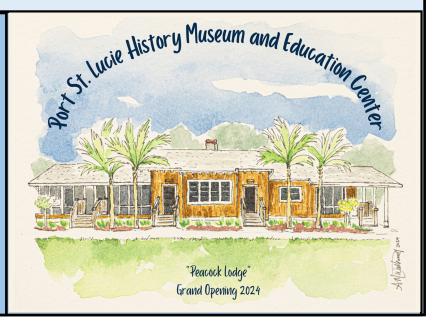
Over the summer, the Board of Directors made some changes to its operating procedures to help the organization work more efficiently, while adding the operations of the new museum to its repertoire. Here are a few of those changes.

- [•] The Board of Directors recently made a day and time change for their Board meetings. Since the museum will be open on Tuesdays at noon, which was the regular Board meeting day and time, the Board agreed to make a change to the first Monday of every month. The meeting time is 3 PM and is held at the Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center. Although this is a business meeting, members are invited to attend.
- ^a Beginning on October 16th, just prior to the Gathering there will be a Historical Society Members meeting at Santa Lucie River Club, which will update the members on what took place at the Board meeting and other things happening with the organization. The meeting will begin at 5:15 PM and the Chair and other Board members will give brief updates to the members on upcoming events, museum happenings and other items pertinent to the members. These meetings will take place prior to each Society Gathering and are open to all members.
- [•] Santa Lucie River Club, the location for our Gatherings, will no longer offer our dinner with a drink for the same price. To include a drink, a price increase would be needed, and it was pointed out that not every-one actually uses their drink ticket. So, starting in October, dinner will no longer include a drink ticket. There will be a cash bar only, for those who wish to have a glass of wine, beer or mixed drink with dinner. By doing this, we are able to keep our price for dinner at \$26.00.
- ^m The Brick Paver Patio, which will be between the Peacock House and Peacock Lodge, (PSL History Museum) will begin taking shape. The first order for bricks will be placed in October and the first bricks will be laid in either December or January. If you want to be remembered or remember someone special, buy your brick today by going to our website, pslhistory.org



SAVE THE DATE

YOUR AR E INVITED TO OUR NEXT SOCIETY GATHERING ON OCTOBER 16TH AT SANTA LUCIA RIVER CLUB COME OUT AND HEAR WHAT' S BEEN HAPPENING SINCE LAST SPRING AND ENJOY MEETING NEW FRIENDS. WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR





It's time for the Port St. Lucie Historical Society's October Gathering! Everyone is welcome!!

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Social begins at 5:30 PM Membership Update at 6:00 PM

Dinner starts at 6:20 PM

Located at Santa Lucia River Club at Ballentrae 3325 Ballantrae Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL

We will also have our raffle and 50/50, (CASH ONLY)

Guest Speaker To be announced

Please RSVP for your name to be on the list at the entrance gate. \$26.00 per person

For your convenience you may reserve and pay online at pslhistory.org Payment at the door is acceptable with cash, check or credit.

Bring a friend to help expand our membership and become a little part of history at the same time.