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AMESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Hello Port St. Lucie, Historical Society Members

It's been a very busy and exciting time for The Society since the opening of our new museum, the "Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center".

l am sure you already know; on September 25 we had our Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting. It was a close call, as the day started off very windy and rainy from the effects of Hurricane Helene and we were not sure if we were going to have the day we all hoped for, weather-wise. However, at 9:50 am, the wind died down and the rain stopped. Our guests and members stepped outside, and the festivities began. By 11 a.m. we were officially opened to our visitors and guests. The day turned out perfect.

I hope you enjoy our photo album from our opening. Photo credits go to our member, Christine Fenerty, who has been very helpful in jumping in when we needed special photos for our organization. Of course, we also must thank the City of Port St Lucie, as we have also added some of their photos to this collection.

Things were chugging along for two weeks until Hurricane Milton decided to head our way, putting us in hurricane lockdown. The City shuttered us up and closed us down for a week, but we are back open and operating.

We want to thank everyone who has come out and visited during our first month since our opening. It's so nice to hear the positive comments and the stories from our visitors. If you haven't visited the museum yet, please come by and visit us. If you are a member of the Society, when you do visit us, you will receive your membership card. We have to thank our Friends at the Botanical Gardens who made our special membership cards.

The holidays are right around the corner, read on for more information on what we have planned.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the new format of this newsletter. Our member, Matthew Blackford, is now working with us on many different projects, including the newsletter. It looks so much better, and we hope to grow it in the future with sponsors and ads from our business members. Thank you for your support and I hope to see you soon,

Patricia
Chairperson
Port St. Lucie Historical Society

HISTORICAL



The Port St. Lucie Historical
Society Board (L-R) Terissa
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Grabhorn, Jack Kelly Councilwomna
Stephnie Morgan, Donnita Graben,
Christine William Patrica
Christensen, Back Row, (L-R) Wade
Willnow, Marty Zientz and Jack
Doughney.



Members of the Port St. Lucie City
Council joined in the Grand
Opening. Pictured (L-R),
Councilman Anthony Bonna, Mayor
Shannon Martin, Councilman David
Pickett, Councilwoman Stephanie
Morgan, Society Chair Patricia
Christensen and Vice Mayor Jolien
Caraballo.

HISTORICALISTS



Visitor to the museum (From r-1)
Members Rita Schmal, Lee hicks and
Shelly Joyce stop by to check out
the exhibits.



Long time friends of the Society, Tom and Susan Minch visited the museum and while there purchased a brick for the Brick Garden.



Member Joy Young shows off the exhibit by the Port St. Lucie Business Women.

HISTORICAL



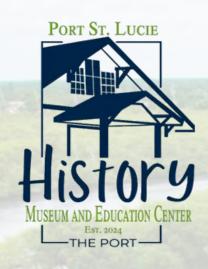
Our October Gathering at Santa
Lucia River Club, was attended by
40 plus members and guests.
Tracy Steele, the second resident to
move into Port St. Lucie before it
became a city, spoke to the
membership, sharing stories of the
past.



Photo of the guests at our last Gathering.



Another guest photo from our last Gathering.





VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We recently held a volunteer meeting, where members were invited to hear about the volunteer positions needing to be filled at the Museum. We had a nice turnout, and we now have several new docents and archivists.

There is always a need for more help. If you would still like to volunteer, we would still love to have your help. The more help, the less we all must work.

You can volunteer by stopping by and speaking to us or filling out a volunteer form on our website, and we will contact you. Of course, stopping in would be best.

We hope to see you soon!

Limited-Edition Inaugural Christmas Ornament!



Celebrate the history and charm of the Port St.
Lucie History Museum and Education Center with
our exclusive Peacock Lodge Inaugural Year 2024
Ornament. This beautifully crafted piece
showcases the iconic lodge in stunning detail,
highlighted by a shimmering gold-plated border
and timeless design.

Perfect for the Holidays:
Add a touch of Port St. Lucie pride to your
Christmas tree or gift it to history enthusiasts
and loved ones.

With only a limited number produced, these ornaments are true collector's items! Once they're gone, they're gone for good!

Price: \$27.00

Don't miss your chance to own this piece of local history. Stop by the museum gift shop today to purchase yours or secure one as the perfect holiday gift!

Available exclusively at the Port St. Lucie History

Museum and Education Center.

Own a Piece of History: Limited-Edition Peacock Lodge Print

Celebrate the beauty and heritage of Port St. Lucie with our Limited Edition Peacock Lodge Print, created by local artist Ann Marie Watkoskey.



This stunning artwork is signed and number with only 24 limited edition prints available, a true collectors treasure. Each print is signed and numbered by the artist.

A perfect gift for the historian in your life or for your own home.

Remember, like the ornaments, once they're gone, they're gone: No reproductions will ever be made.

Find them exclusively at the Port St. Lucie History
Museum and Education Center gift shop. Act fast—these
won't last long!



CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM

December 6th and 7th &

December 13th and 14th
5:30pm to 9pm

It's Christmas Time at Pioneer Park

What better way to celebrate the holiday season?
Come to Pioneer Park, enjoy the holiday light displays and visit the new Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center 2456 SE Westmoreland Blvd, Port Saint Lucie as we celebrate Christmas at the Museum

Santa will be here!
Bring your kids and cameras
See the old fashioned "Christmas Snow Village" Display
There will be Hot Cocoa and Cookies for the kids
Leave your wish list with Santa
And enjoy other surprises especially for the kiddos!!

Mom and Dad, if you're ever struggling to find the perfect gift for someone on your list, come check out our gift shop! We have a great selection of unique items.

Join the Society and receive a copy of "Port St. Lucie at 50", our City's history book!

They make great gifts!



Port St. Lucie Historical Society Holiday Gathering

Join us for some Holiday Cheer on December 18th, beginning at 5:30 PM

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

We will have entertainment, fun and games and a few surprises!!! Attire is holiday casual or your ugly Christmas Sweater

> \$26.00 donation per person, Includes dinner and dessert. There will be a cash bar.

Please RSVP online on our website, <u>www.pslhistory.org</u>
You may also pay online or at the door.

Donate a gift card or a bottle of cheer for our raffle and receive a raffle ticket.



FOUNDING MEMBERS

Keith Acquino Dianne Aguiar Debra Ames Jeffery Araya * Terissa Aronson Michelle Backus Linda & Blaine Bagley Mark Barnes **Linda Bartz** Matthew & Megan Billitti Corinne & Robert **Belanger Matthew** Blackford Robert Bluestone & JoAnn Rivera Anthony Sr. Bonna Maria Bordonaro John & Nancy Bostic Ellis Bromberg **David Burch** Ben & Jolien Caraballo George Carpenter * Susan Cedeno * Georgen Charnes * Patricia & Frans Christensen Sandra Corriveau * Lisa Crawford **Brad Currie** Renee Dalessio **Deanne Davis Elaine Davis** Robert Deery, DDS **Barry Deets** Doris & Malon Dillon * Dana Dispersia-Marcelino Mary & Jack Dodge Jack Doughney * **Doris Duncan John Dunton** Angela Ellis **Brian Fenerty *** Nina Fenton Jenean & Ronald Fodor * Michelle Franklin **Heather Furnari** Dianne & John Gallagher Donnita Graben * **Dennis Grabhorn** Richard (Randy) Green Caroline Hamby Nanette Heflin *

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Vice Mayor Jolien
Caraballo Councilman
Anthony Bonna
Councilwoman Stephanie
Morgan Councilman David
Pickett

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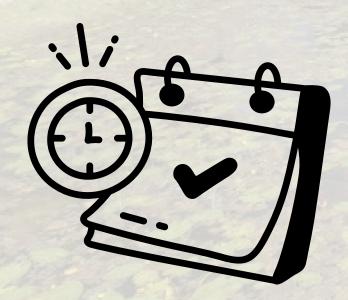
* and Family

Thank you to all who made the Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center a reality. You are forever part of our history now being honored with the title of Founding Member.

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Our Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of each month at the Museum.

The meetings are at 3 PM and any Port St. Lucie Historical Society member in good standing is welcome to attend.







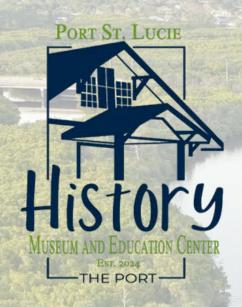
Thank You for Supporting Local History!

The Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center is proud to share the stories of our past and preserve them for generations to come. Your support makes it possible.

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Port St. Lucie's history is a tapestry woven with stories of resilience, growth, and community spirit.

From the ancient mounds of Spruce Bluff, where early settlers left their mark, to the modern marvel of the Crosstown Bridge, connecting neighborhoods and hearts, our city's past is rich with lessons and inspiration.

At the Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center, we are dedicated to preserving, recording, and teaching these stories for generations to come. Each landmark, each story, and each memory is a vital thread in the fabric of our community.

Together, let's honor our past, celebrate our present, and inspire the future.