



# LLHS MUSEUM NEWSLETTER



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LADY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## \*\*\*\* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 8: 10:00 AM - WWII Museum Display open for docents and other volunteers

SEPTEMBER 12: 10:00 AM - Official Opening of Year-long WWII Commemorative Display

SEPTEMBER 15: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Regular Museum Schedule of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays begins

SEPTEMBER 24: 2:00 PM - General Membership Meeting and Election at the Community Building

OCTOBER 1: 2:00 PM - "World War II" - by Dr. Donald Goldstein at Lady Lake Library

OCTOBER: Participation at Town's "Not So Scary Halloween Party" - Date to be announced

NOVEMBER 7: 8 AM - 1 PM - Community Yard Sale at Log Cabin Park.

NOVEMBER 21: 8 AM - 1 PM - Raindate for Yard Sale

DECEMBER 15: 2:00 PM - Annual Christmas Party at the Community Building

### *Curator's Message*

The end of World War II was on August 15, 1945! You are in for a big treat when the Commemoration Exhibit is on display for a year-long stay at the Lady Lake Historical Museum, beginning with our official opening on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

This was another busy summer at the museum. While the museum was closed for the month of August, our volunteers, who completely renovated the design of the museum last year, have been busy setting up and modifying displays to promote better understanding of our collective heritage of World War II. Their dedication and workmanship, under the direction of Coordinator Tom O'Brien, has been superb! Over one hundred individuals have loaned artifacts for the exhibit!

We are very pleased that the Puc Puggy, the local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), has presented the Lady Lake Historical Society with a check for \$1000 for the museum. The Society chose to use this wonderful gift, along with some donations from museum guests and friends, to improve the lighting at the museum. The ceiling and showcase fluorescent bulbs have been replaced with light emitting diode (LED) bulbs, which will provide protection for our valuable artifacts, photographs and documents. The brightness of these LEDs makes them an excellent choice for art galleries, museums, or anywhere brightness and protection of exhibited items is needed. Ace Hardware in Fruitland Park gave us a great discount on the bulbs. The new lights were installed by volunteer Gary Anderson, with help from Town of Lady Lake personnel.

Coinciding with our new exhibit, author/lecturer Dr. Donald Goldstein, will speak about WWII at the Lady Lake Library on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM. Reservations are needed, as seating is limited.

In addition to preparing the new displays, we have been busy completing an inventory of the historic artifacts, non-historic items, and items on loan and carefully cleaning all exhibits and other areas of the museum.

The important Annual Meeting will be held at the Lady Lake Community Center on September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2 PM, when we will elect officers and talk about our goals and activities for the next year.

With your help, the LLHS can make this museum a highlight of the Town of Lady Lake!

*Norma J. Delaney, Ed.D, Curator*

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It has been my pleasure to hold the office of President of the Lady Lake Historical Society for the past five years. We have accomplished much growth during that time, thanks to the work and dedication of old and new members. The museum has become professional in appearance and functionality. From the addition of the model railroad to all of the theme exhibits, we've improved as an historical attraction in the community. I am certain that our exposure as an institution promoting interest and learning will continue to expand as well. We look forward to seeing you at the Grand Opening and Dedication on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Arndt, President

## LADY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2014-2015

President: Robert Arndt (on leave)  
Acting President: Richard St. Amant  
Secretary: Patrick Campbell-Gordon  
Treasurer: Wray Hall  
Directors: Shirley Kimmons  
Jayne Sligar  
Tom O'Brien  
Curator: Norma Delaney, EdD

### Don't miss our next speaker!

#### DONALD M. GOLDSTEIN, Ph.D.

Dr. Goldstein is a retired Air Force officer who served for 22 years. He taught at the Air Force Academy, the University of Tampa, and the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Goldstein is author or co-author of over 50 articles and 21 books. His most famous is At Dawn We Slept: The Untold Story of Pearl Harbor, which is in its 20<sup>th</sup> printing. The book was first runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize in 1982 and was on the New York Times bestseller list for 47 weeks. Averaging over 200 talks a year to radio, TV and civic organizations, Dr. Goldstein has been awarded two Peabody awards for work on Pearl Harbor Affairs: and 7 times teacher of the year!

## WW II COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBIT GRAND OPENING AND DEDICATION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10 A.M.

Our new year-long exhibit commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II opens September 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join the celebration.

Richard St. Amant will be our Master of Ceremonies. The American Legion Post 347 Honor Guard will present the Colors, 21-gun salute and Taps. Billie Thatcher will sing the National Anthem and Mayor Ruth Kussard will speak briefly to welcome guests and open the exhibit.

The First Florida Military Vehicle Preservation Association will have several restored World War II vehicles on display in the park.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please respond via email or phone. Tom O'Brien and I have scheduled a pre-opening orientation for docents and volunteers at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8 to enable members to become familiar with the new displays.

Should you be unable to attend the opening or the orientation but would like a private tour, please contact me at the number below.

Thanks for your volunteer efforts and support.

Randa Anderson  
Assistant to the Curator  
352-408-1150

**MUSEUM VISITING HOURS:** Beginning on September 15, visiting hours will again be on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 10 AM – 1:00 PM.

Also, upon request, special times will be scheduled for group tours. We are pleased to do guided tours for Boy Scouts, Service Clubs, Red Hats, Civil War Groups, History Buffs, and other clubs. Call Norma Delaney at 307-7227 to schedule a special tour.

### HISTORIC MARKER

The Puc Puggy Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) submitted an application for a Historic Marker to be created for the Train Depot. Members of the Lady Lake Historical Society, the Town of Lady Lake and DAR discussed and supported the details. The application has been accepted!!.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE WHEN THE MARKER IS READY TO BE INSTALLED. The DAR marker will be a great honor to the LLHS, in recognition of the historic preservation that is being done at the museum.

Brenda Weaver, Ed.D  
DAR Historic Preservation Chair



### LABOR DAY



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well being of our country. Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

*Happy Labor Day, America !*

### LLHS BYLAWS

Thank you for reviewing the bylaws and sending in your recommendations. We have changed Article 2 to state that a member of the Board of Directors must be an active member of the Society. Also, a notation has been added that allows an additional Board Member to be added to the slate of officers by the Nominating Committee. A signed copy of the bylaws may be viewed at the museum.

### Why Visit a Museum?

A primary role of museums is to engage and educate the community. Museum exhibits inspire interest in an area of study, item, time period, or an idea – and much is going on in the Lady Lake Historical Museum in regard to education than one might think. The museum is a classroom, and not just for kids. Museums themselves have interesting histories to inspire and educate visitors. It becomes nearly impossible to exit a museum without having gained any information or insight during your visit.

Museums are examples of informal learning environments, which means they are devoted primarily to informal education — a lifelong process whereby individuals acquire attitudes, values, skills and knowledge from daily experience and the educative influences and resources in his or her environment.

Even outside of museums, informal learning plays a pivotal role in how we take in the world around us. In fact, The U.S. Department of Labor estimates 70% or more of work-related learning occurs outside formal training.

A single visit to a museum can expose you to in-depth information on a subject, and the nature of the museum environment is one in which you can spend as much or as little time as you choose.

Don't miss our Shirley Kimmons Library that has a wealth of information about our displays and the history of the Lady Lake area. Plan to spend an hour or two to browse.

Norma J. Delaney, EdD  
Curator

## Lady Lake Historical Society Website

In the last newsletter we announced the establishment of our Website. It is very important to have as many people as possible open this site. The more it is opened, the more it will move up in lists of search engines like Google. We would like to get it on the first page so access it often and encourage your friends and family to access it also! Just click on this link, [www.ladylakemuseum.org](http://www.ladylakemuseum.org).

There have been some enhancements made over the summer to the Website. We have established links back and forth with the Town and Chamber websites. More important is the linkage back and forth to our Facebook page. The Website will be more static in news and information. We will use the Facebook page and social media to keep everyone informed on details for events and updated information. While visiting [www.ladylakemuseum.org](http://www.ladylakemuseum.org), click on the link for our improved Facebook page and like us so you get all the published updates.

More is still planned for the Website in the future such as a museum store, online exhibits and more research capabilities. Keep visiting our Website as often as you can.

Ray Russomano  
LLHS Webmaster

### Health Issues of Our Members

- Tom O'Brien completed all of this work on exhibits between two surgeries for detached retinas.
- J. J. Kimmons remains in the ICU at the Villages Hospital after surgery for lung cancer.
- Paul Anderson is recuperating from surgery.

