



LLHS MUSEUM NEWSLETTER



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LADY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ****

MARCH 10: 9:00 AM - Executive Board Meeting
MARCH 21: 8:00 AM - Community Yard Sale
MARCH 28: 10:00 AM - Town of LL Easter Egg Hunt
at the Guava Street Athletic Complex

APRIL 11: 8:00 AM - Rain Date for Yard Sale
APRIL 14: 9:00 AM - Executive Board Meeting
APRIL 23: 2:00 PM - Gary Corsair- "Olive W. Swan"
at the Lady Lake Public Library

Curator's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the newly renovated Lady Lake Historical Museum, the institution devoted to the history and culture of the Town of Lady Lake. During a visit to our museum, you will gain new insights into this most beloved Town, with its heritage of diversity and perpetual transformation.

During the past summer, the Society completely changed the interior of the museum to create a "window to the past". Our collections serve as a resource for exhibitions ranging from Early History, to Founding Families, to the Military, to Agriculture, to Early Schools, to Early Churches, to the Beginning of the Villages, and much more.

Our museum's collections are an important means of advancing its mission and serving the public. Whether they are documents related to our founding as a nation or a town, preserved artifacts, antique furniture, etc., objects appeal to visitors in profound ways. Our effective collections stewardship ensures that these objects are available and accessible to present and future generations.

It is important to have lighting that protects our valuable collections while enabling clear visibility. The final step of our renovation plan remains. We have applied for a grant to replace our outdated lighting and seek donations to help with matching funds. Names of individual or business supporters will be listed on our wall.

To keep our current membership of 52 individuals informed and up-to-date on happenings of the Society, I am sending this newsletter via email. Be sure to read the section on benefits of membership that we have added recently. As a member, you enjoy a full year of great benefits and experiences including special events, programs, discounts, and more, all while providing crucial support for the museum's programming and exhibitions.

Norma J. Delaney, Ed.D, Curator
Lady Lake Historical Society Museum

FYI: LLHS President Robert Arndt recently suffered a mild stroke. We expect him to make a full recovery soon.

Lady Lake Historical Society Individual and Family Memberships

With an Individual or Family Membership, you are providing support to keep the Lady Lake Historical Museum in operation and helping to preserve the past of Lady Lake for future generations.

The Society has added special advantages this year to make it beneficial for each member. If you are already a member and have paid your dues for 2014-15, you are entitled to all of the benefits.

As a member, you will have unlimited free admission to the museum during all open hours and to programs with guest speakers. You will receive a 10% discount on items sold by the museum. Emails and newsletters with museum announcements and news will be sent to you. Each adult member will be entitled to a free appraisal of one antique item at the Appraisal Fair. Each family may utilize one free space at each Yard Sale. The research library will be available for the use of members. And there are numerous enjoyable volunteer opportunities for you after you tell us what you would like to do for a museum.

MUSEUM VISITING HOURS: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays - 10 AM until 1 PM. Call to schedule special group tours.

Community Yard Sale

Knick-knacks, bric-a-brac, anything from home. Bring the "stuff" you wish to be free of to the Lady Lake Historical Society's Yard Sale on Saturday, March 21, from 8 AM until 1 PM. Set-up time is between 7 AM and 8 AM. The event will be held in Log Cabin Park at the intersection of Route 441 and Lady Lake Boulevard.

The Spring Yard Sale always attracts folks from locals to residents from surrounding areas who are looking for bargains. We never know what will be offered for sale, so it's a win-win event for buyers and sellers.

Those wishing to sell their items may rent space and bring their own tables and chairs. A 10 ft. x 10 ft. space is \$15; a 10 ft. by 10 ft. space with a furnished table is \$20. Museum tables are limited and must be paid for in advance to assure availability.

Call 352-259-4359 and leave a message for reservations or stop at the museum during open hours. Members, join us and redeem your free Yard Sale space.

This event is a benefit to support the operation and growth of the Lady Lake Historical Society and its Museum. Help us advertise.

In case of inclement weather, a rain date has been set for Saturday, April 11.

The Society will sell baked goods such as doughnuts, cookies and cupcakes, along with coffee, water, and soft drinks at the tent in front of the museum.

By Bill Stokes, LLHS Member

Guest Speaker – Gary Corsair

Gary Corsair, Journalist and Author, will present "The Redemption of Dr. Olive W. Swan," Florida's 1st licensed medical doctor, who lived on the land that now is called Water Oak. She fought prejudice and ignorance while serving patients in the Lady Lake area. This presentation will be on Thursday, April 23, at 2 PM at the Lady Lake Public Library, 225 W. Guava St., Lady Lake. A \$2 admission fee does not apply to members. As there is limited seating, call 252-259-4359 for reservations. Spread the word about this event to your friends and neighbors.

HELP WANTED

THE YARD SALE: Volunteer members are needed to help with the Yard Sale Fundraiser on March 21ST (or on the Rain Date – April 11). Call Shirley Kimmons, Yard Sale Coordinator, at 352-753-4925 if you have time to devote to this event and are willing to help.

Your donations of baked items for this sale are welcome. Drop your goodies off at the museum on Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM or bring them to the LLHS's white tent on Sunday.

What will you do to help for this event?

Donate baked goods to be sold at the museum tent.

6:30 – 7:30 - Make coffee. Help get tent and tables ready

6:30 – 9:30 - Registration and table assignment

7:00 – 10:00 – Sell doughnuts and coffee

8:00 – 1:00 – Troubleshoot

10:00 – 1:00 – Grill hot dogs

10:00 – 1:00 - Sell hot dogs, baked goods, drinks

12:30 - 1:30 - Clean up

DOCENTS: (Guides for the museum) Our displays are largely self-explanatory. We will train volunteers to handle the position. You would work with someone during your training process. Call Norma Delaney at 352-307-7227 to volunteer.

When are you available to work? Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Saturdays: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MUSEUM ASSISTANTS: Are you interested in designing and setting up displays? Creating scrapbooks? Making photo albums? Doing research? Writing articles? Help with the Easter Egg Hunt? Other ideas? Let us know!

SUPPORTERS: Some of you live too far away or are too busy to help. You can help the Society take care of the museum by sending in a donation in lieu of contributing work time.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Plan to attend our General Membership Meeting on May 28th at 2:00 PM at the Lady Lake Community Building on Guava Street. A Nominating Committee will be appointed. Contact the Committee by June 15th if you are interested in serving on the Executive Board for 2015-2016.

LADY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2014-2015

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