



## LADY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

107 S. Old Dixie Highway  
(Between the log cabin and the train cars)

### VIVA FLORIDA --- 500th ANNIVERSARY



On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the LLHS will host Dale Cox, Florida writer and historian, who will talk about Florida's discovery, rich heritage, and diverse cultural history, at 1:30 at the Lady Lake Library. Please call 259-4359 or e-mail [llmuseum@embarqmail.com](mailto:llmuseum@embarqmail.com) to reserve a seat.

Juan Ponce de León discovered Florida. A legend, says he discovered it while searching for the Fountain of Youth. According to the "500th Florida Discovery Council Round Table," on March 3, 1513, de Leon organized and equipped three ships for an expedition departing from Punta Aguada, Puerto Rico, with a crew of 200, including women and free blacks. Puerto Rico was an historic gateway to the discovery of Florida, which opened the doors to the advanced settlement of the USA. They introduced Christianity, cattle, horses, sheep, the Spanish language and more to the land (Florida) that later became the United States of America, 107 years before the Pilgrims landed. Ponce deLeon sighted the

peninsula for the first time on March 27, 1513, and thought it was an island. It is Spanish custom to name a place after the nearest Roman Catholic feast. He arrived on the east coast during the Spanish Easter feast, Pascua Florida, and named the land "La Pascua de la Florida" after this feast.

Reference: [floridaholidayreview.com/history.htm](http://floridaholidayreview.com/history.htm)

### LADY LAKE: 1935 - 1985

The Lady Lake Historical Society is planning an exhibit of the Lady Lake area as it was from 1935-1985. If you have photos, letters, stories, maps, deeds or other material about times past in the Lady Lake, Conant, Cherry Lake, Sligh and Lake Ella areas that you will share with us, call 352-259-4359. We can photograph or scan and return these documents. Mementos can be displayed for a limited time and returned to you.

### YOUNGEST LLHS MEMBER

Ricky Miller, 11 years old, has joined the Historical Society and can be seen providing docent services on some Saturdays.

### MUSEUM HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 am until 1 pm.

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