



Holden House



Old Brick Road



Flagler County Courthouse

## Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, January 31

Cemetery Resource Protection Training  
8:30 a.m. Government Services Bldg.

Heritage Crossroads Meeting

Tuesday, February 7 - 9 a.m.  
Government Services Bldg.

History Coalition Meeting

Saturday, February 18 - 10 a.m.  
Flagler County Library

Hot Food N' Spicy Blues Festival for  
Feed Flagler

Florida Agricultural Museum

Saturday, February 18 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
at Museum

Civil War Display at Flagler County  
Public Library

Wednesday, February 29

Heritage Crossroads Meeting

Tuesday, March 6 9 a.m.

Government Services Bldg

11th Annual Flagler Reads Together –

Civil War In NE Florida – month of

March see .flaglerlibraryfriend.com

## More Information:

Please see our website at

[www.heritagecrossroads.org](http://www.heritagecrossroads.org)

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John Seibel, CME Chairman

## HERITAGE CROSSROADS: We have traveled a long way.....

Late in 2003 a move to pursue historic recognition of properties within the City of Bunnell was begun by the Bunnell Chamber of Commerce spearheaded by its president John Seibel.

The Bunnell Historic Preservation Committee was established at the January 8, 2004, Chamber meeting with an initial meeting scheduled for February 5 in the Chamber office on Airport Road. Invitations were sent to residents who were thought to be interested in this exciting project.

Meetings continued during 2004, and the concept was enlarged from Bunnell alone to include historic sites and roads in all parts of Flagler County. Garry Balogh, Florida Department of Transportation Scenic Highways Coordinator, was invited to advise what direction the group should take and became part of the committee.

**The decision was made to strive for a historic scenic highway designation, and the Heritage Crossroads:** Miles of History Corridor Advocacy Group was formed. During 2005 the group with help from Marsha Chance, Lauren Kornel and other advisors did a Road Field Inventory, Sign Survey, Vision Statement, Bylaws, video planning and invited community participation and letters of support. Dane Thompson, a DBCC videography student, previewed the outstanding video he had prepared to an admiring CAG in December.

**The application for approval as a Heritage Highway moved forward slowly during 2006; but during the SHAC review on June 14, 2007, the application was approved.** A town meeting was planned for January 22, 2008, to announce the great news, and brochures prepared by the ever helpful PBS&J consultants Mike Palozzi and June Farrell were ready. 501c3 designation applications National Scenic Byway designation were begun. Funds were given by the Tourist Development Council to move our cause forward

During 2009 Corridor Management Entity Articles of Incorporation were prepared and approved, and Heritage Crossroads signs appeared along the historic roads. The first ever Florida Heritage Highway designation was received on June 18, 2009. Fundraisers were planned and grants were applied for.

**In 2010 a Mission statement was prepared, standing committees appointed and the 501c3 designation was approved.** The process of achieving Level 1 Accreditation began in November led by Barb Kelly. The accreditation was achieved in August of 2011. The quest for grants to make our mission goals become reality is in process.

This committee has evolved over the years with many Flagler County activists involved, such as Diane Marquis and the late Paul Fell. Its success is an outstanding example of what can be done in a community by citizens with like interests and goals. Congratulations and thanks to the many contributors who cannot be individually named here.



## Accomplishments for 2011

FDOT Level I Accreditation (first in Florida)  
End of year report submitted  
US EPA grant submittal  
Engineering design for HC Visitors Center funded  
City budgeting land costs for purchase of Four-Corners Property  
Original King's Road rediscovery in northern Flagler County  
Participation in Statewide Scenic Highway Conference  
Participation in District V Scenic Highway Accreditation training  
Website Established  
Corridor video updated  
Renew State incorporation papers  
Inclusion of corridor loops in Complete Nature and Trails Guide (County Chamber)  
"Tear-off" corridor fact sheet for hotel education program  
Reprint of corridor brochure  
Published two electronic Newsletters



**Heritage Crossroads** meets the **first Tuesday** of each month at 9 a.m. in the Flagler County Government Services Building unless otherwise announced. The public and anyone interested in our historical roadways and sites are welcome.

Membership: Individual \$10, Business \$30,  
Patron \$50, premier sponsors \$100, \$200, \$500

**The Holden House Museum and Annex**, 204-206 East Moody Boulevard in Bunnell, has become a great source of information for history lovers and others interested in Flagler County's early days.

The Holden House was completed in 1918 by Sam Bortree as a gift for his daughter **Ethel and Tom Holden**. It was purchased by the County in the 1970s and became the headquarters of the newly formed historical society in 1983. The house was recently repainted and rejuvenated and contains historic clothing and furniture donated by residents and is on the way of becoming a true "museum."

In 2007 the Annex, the former Veterans Service office, became the repository of many items previously located in the Holden House: Bound volumes of The Flagler Tribune and the Flagler/Palm Coast News Tribune (1918-1980; Copies of the Bunnell Home Builder (1912-1918). Visitors will find early Florida, St. Johns and Flagler County maps, over 125 framed and captioned photographs of early Flagler towns and attractions and three display cases full of Flagler County memorabilia.

Researchers can view inventoried cemeteries of Northern Florida and Southern Florida in three ring binders, over 7,000 indexed obituaries of former Flagler County residents, individual files with information on county places and organizations filed by subject, individual files on county families, searchable family data base of 245,000 names from Northern Florida and Georgia and internet accessibility. Most of the above was gathered and collated by **Sisco Deen**, historian and archivist. The annex is a paradise for local history lovers, and there is much history to discover in Flagler County.

## The Holden House Museum and Annex



**The Museum and Annex are open every  
Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

### Flagler County Historical Society:

**An individual membership is \$10, Business or Corporation is \$30. Lifetime membership is \$200. The Flagler County Historical Society meets quarterly for dinner and a program on local history. An email list also sends out "History Tidbits" by email to members who ask to be on the list.**