



Wayfarer

Spring 2013

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Coming Events 2013

Heritage Crossroads meeting
1st Tuesday each Month 9 a.m.
Flagler County Admin. Bldg.
YOU ARE WELCOME!

February

- 20 Palm Coast - Early History of Naval Aviation
- 22 St. Augustine in World War II - Tale Tellers 2 p.m. Flagler County Library
- 23 Annual Black Heritage Day

March

- 2 Flagler Reads Together: "Florida History 2 views" Flagler County Library
- 3 Florida Agricultural Museum 3rd annual Hot n Spicy Festival
- 6 Fort Matanzas State Park tour
- 16 Florida, the first 500 years - Flagler County Library
- 17 Flagler's Fine Arts Festival
- 20 "I am Grey Eyes" author Bill Ryan Flagler Beach Library
- 27 "A British Tea Party" re-enactment and book reading "Maria"

April

- 19 Three women in World War II - Flagler County Library
- 20 Bunnell Centennial Beautification and Fire Hydrant decoration Contest

May

- 11 5th Annual Potato Festival Bunnell

June

- 16 Flagler Fine Arts Festival

July

- 8 Time Capsule Ceremony 5 p.m. - Bunnell—events:
Birthday Celebration 7 p.m.
Re-enactment first Commission

August

September

- 28 and 29 Heritage Festival

November

- 9 Festival of the Century 1 - 7 p.m.
Bunnell parade 4 p.m.
Grand Finale 7:30 p.m.

December

- 13 Centennial Tree planting Festival of Lights - Bunnell

Flagler County Historical Society
annex every Wednesday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flagler Beach Museum -
open 7 days a week

Little Red School House Museum -
by application

Flagler County Bus Tours 2nd and last
Tuesday each month. Ph. 386-439-5003

Heritage Festival Recognizes Pioneers

For the first time in history, our group held the Flagler Heritage Festival on December 1, 2012, at the Flagler County Fairgrounds. Every historical group in our county participated plus other history-minded people with their marvelous displays. Many volunteers helped to put this first annual festival together and to help that day. Heritage Crossroads sends a heart-felt "thank you" to each and every one that participated with that event. You know who you are.

Descendants of Pioneer families were invited to our luncheon and close to 100 were in attendance. Our luncheon was catered by Maureen from the Chicken Pantry in Bunnell. The program,



Planning committees began the task of organizing our first festival

which highlighted the history of the families in attendance, was researched and narrated by Sisco Deen, who did an amazing job, and who, himself, is a pioneer descendent. Thanks and kudos to Sisco Deen for all of his help and cooperation.

We had re enactors there talking to kids of all ages about the Timucuan, the Seminoles, pine needle weaving, bead making, palm frond weaving, talking and demonstrating ancient Florida crafts to everyone. Music was provided by popular local bands, the Swanky Mos and Smokin Mirrors. Henry Flagler look-alike also appeared to meet and greet the people. A number of cars from our local car club members also brought out their pride and joy to show off.



The date for our next Heritage Festival has been set for September 28 and 29, 2013. Information will be coming to you as plans are formulated.

Daytona State College History Club joins in launch of Heritage Festival

Dr. Nancy J. Duke, Associate Professor of History at Daytona State College, along with members of the College History club and Dr. Duke's history classes volunteered at the first annual Flagler Heritage Festival. Dr. Duke, months earlier, had accepted a request by Heritage Crossroads to develop an essay contest for students in the county and to judge them for the festival. Michael Carrasquillo and Justin Grubbs, officers of the History Club, and History students Reem Alkhatib, and Deborah Shudy assisted in all facets of the festival, from setup and welcoming guests to assisting festival officials. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned many new things about Flagler County. This marks just the beginning of DSC's History Club and Dr. Duke's continual involvement in the work of Heritage Crossroads to preserve Flagler County's history.

Executive Committee Workshop on Sustainability – November 2012

The Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Heritage Highway Corridor Management Entity (CME) participated in a day-long workshop designed for the Executive Committee to discuss the events and actions necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the CME. Attendees included CME members, technical advisors, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Overall discussion at the workshop focused on the following five CME priority areas:

Preservation – Maintaining the culture of the Byway.

Education – Continuing to share the history and culture of the region with Byway visitors and the local community.

Promotion – Supporting the organization through mutual partnerships with businesses and services located along the Byway corridor.

Economic Development – Supporting the regional initiative for obtaining intelligent economic growth by marketing the Byway's resources, events and community synergy.

Aesthetics – Promoting landscaping efforts along the Byway through FDOT.

By the workshop's conclusion the CME established three overall goals for 2013:

1. Focus on the Mission/Vision of the organization
2. Build Membership
3. Establish a diversity of funding, perspective, and interests.

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Flagler County Historical Society Bus Tours

A friend and I went on the bus tour sponsored by the Flagler County Historical Society. This tour is the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, providing enough people sign up. The cost is a real bargain at \$10 a person and is three hours long in a nice County bus. The tour covers 100 miles, with a "pause for the cause" at Bing's, Landing. This tour shows residents and visitors alike the interesting and historical places here in Flagler County, then the guests can choose which ones they want to go and visit on their own. They can then spend as much time at each interesting area as they would like.

We met at the parking lot behind the old County Courthouse on SR100 in Bunnell, across from the Holden House, as our point of beginning, and left at 9:00 sharp. Bill Ryan, who is a volunteer for several organizations here in the county as well as an author, is the narrator and presented many interesting historical facts as we traveled along. The presentation was done in a very relaxed and informal manner which was very refreshing. People would ask questions along the way and Bill would go into more detail concerning the particular question. This is a quote from my friend, Julie, from Ohio - "The fact that he spoke of many more facts above and beyond what we were viewing was great. He was also very humorous, which made it more fun and not just droning on like some narrators. The facts the driver, Jim, added were interesting also. I was amused knowing he, (Bill), was the "someone that wrote a book", I think he should at least scatter a few of his books on the bus to promote his love of history and his hard work.

It was also the funniest ending at the end of the tour about the train crossing. (The gates and lights wouldn't function; they were stuck even though there was no train) The tour was very informative, and lots of fun. I hope more people get to experience the tour laughing and learning the local history." A lady who is the



Secretary of an Historical Society in another state sat beside me and was very interested in the entire process, not only the information, but also how everything was planned. I feel sure she will be taking our experiences here in Flagler County back to her society. The Historical Society has done a tremendous job planning and implementing this tour. I encourage everyone that enjoys our local history to sign up for a future tour. To do so, contact Mary Ann Clark at 386-439-5003 to make your reservation for their next tour.



**Barb Kelly, Chairman, Heritage Crossroads:
Miles of History**



Some Visitors to Flagler Historic Roads

As a couple who previously built a home in Palm Coast and decided that wasn't the place we wanted to retire, we were pleasantly surprised to meet Barb Kelly at the Bulow RV Park Office a month ago. We recently retired and thought we'd try the RV experience. We were checking out things to do and places to go when the same nice lady asked us if we liked history. Stated we do, and she just happened to have lots of information in the back seat of her car. After that meeting, although she has been extremely busy with Heritage Crossroads duties, she has suggested places to go and we have been going and seeing and having the time of our lives. We think Flagler County has the most to offer of anywhere we've been. We have been up and down both coasts and this is our favorite. We have enjoyed historical places with the more artifacts and information than anywhere we've been. The parks are always clean and litter free with beautiful signage and follow-up maps and information. Such beautiful historical sights and such well maintained premises we didn't know could exist. Most of the time we feel like other places are just trying to get our money and don't care to take any pride. It's a pleasure to see Flagler County and everyone we've met at these historical places take such pride in sharing their history and we can see their love for their ancestry. We plan on spending more time and money enjoying Flagler County and may someday even consider making it at least our Winter Home.

Julie and Dennis Daniel, Vandalia Ohio

We would like you to meet Byway Neighbor.....

John Seibel

John Seibel is the immediate past Chairman of Heritage Crossroads. But what you may not realize is that he founded the not-for-profit group, *Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History* which is a designated corridor in the Florida Scenic Highways Program (FSHP).

The FSHP was created by the Florida Department of Transportation in 1996. In 2002 the program was changed to incorporate corridors with historical, cultural and archaeological significance to be recognized separately from those with recreational, scenic and natural qualities. The new *Heritage Crossroads* designation was unanimously approved by the Scenic Highways Advisory Committee of the FSHP on June 18, 2008. This involves approximately 92 miles of highways for the first ever historically significant *Heritage Highways* designation in the State.



John and Sandy celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2012

In addition to being the first Chairman of this group, John owns and operates the **Thunder Gulch** campground and **Black Cloud** restaurant. A visit here is like a step back in time, with very good food and a wonderful dining experience in a rustic cowboy style setting. One of his many goals for *Heritage Crossroads* is the building of a Welcome Center at the north end of Flagler County on US 1 at Old Kings Road. He also has the ongoing desire to establish a small Pocket Park at the Crossroads in Bunnell. In spite of the full-time challenge of managing his business, he has shown that he is very community-minded and willing to work hard to accomplish his goals.

We thank you, John!

20 Years Celebrated by Flagler County African American Society



Beautiful hand made quilts were part of the background of the Flagler County African American Society display which celebrated their 20 years here.

ACCS Members: Ray Henderson, Janice Williams, Alfreda Brown, Mildred Maynard, Lynda Bayten, Vivian Richardson, Jean Tanner, Sondra Henderson (seated) Doris Boyd, Brenda Russell, Richard Barnes (Chairman AACCS Board of Directors)



The African American Cultural Society is proud to announce its recent mortgage burning.

The Center facility can accommodate 300 people and is open to the community. It sponsors many activities in addition to supporting a thriving quilting group, programs for youth and scholarship, as well as black studies and entertainment.

The Cultural Center is open daily and available for rental at a modest fee.

Contact: africanameric955@bellsouth.net
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The Hungry Wayfarer

Welcome to Flagler County! Enjoy our history, walk our beaches and relax on our world class golf courses. But when your stomach starts to growl, be sure to check out some of our spectacular eating establishments as well. As your anonymous taste tester, I travel the byway constantly seeking out the “best of the best” restaurants in our county that may be of interest to a Hungry Wayfarer. This month I report on one of the most unique restaurants to be found along the Byway. Folks that fly private planes in and out of the Flagler County Airport in Bunnell will recognize its name immediately but to the causal byway traveler it might not be so obvious. Regardless of how you get there **High Jackers Restaurant** is definitely a place where the locals gather for the best in byway cuisine with South Pacific flair.

The first things you notice upon entering the restaurant are the dollar bills that adorn the bar and the auto license plates and aviation memorabilia nailed to the ceiling rafters. According to the restaurant website, High Jackers came into being on August 7, 2001 and they’ve been a hit ever since. That’s all fine for the history and culture buffs that read these reviews but for the folks out there that are a slave to their stomach’s (like I am), let’s get down to business. The servers were friendly and quickly lead us to a table that overlooked the airport runway. The menu was full of great looking food choices. As you know from previous articles, the Hungry Wayfarer always recommends trying the daily special. The two folks that I dined with on this day enjoyed the Tuesday “Fajitas Special”. Trying to get maximum exposure to the lunch menu I ordered the Ruben Cuban. Everyone’s meals exceeded all expectation. My Cuban was stacked to the ceiling and the fajitas included a garden of fire roasted veggies and enough chicken to make a meal. We all rounded out our orders with a cup of something called “stuffed pepper” soup. If you closed your eyes while eating it you’d swear you were eating your momma’s stuffed peppers from childhood years. So, my semi-trained culinary eye hails High Jackers Restaurant as another victory for the famished byway traveler.

Give it a try.....the Hungry Wayfarer would never lead you astray!



Welcome to the Hungry Wayfarer, a reoccurring column to this newsletter. Our author dines anonymously throughout Flagler County looking for those special eating establishments that make Flagler County a diner’s delight. Please send any suggestions that you may have for future editions of this column to heritagecrossroads@cfl.rr.com.

HERITAGE CROSSROADS – MILES OF HISTORY

Mission Statement

The mission of Heritage Crossroads is to highlight the historic resources of Florida’s first Heritage Highway- ranging from the Florida Agricultural Museum to the Bulow Plantation Ruins - by promoting, enhancing and preserving the unique character of these resources and their place in Florida’s history. Through education and interpretation we will enhance the experience of visitors, and the community’s appreciation of the region’s heritage.

Heritage Crossroads – Miles of History is a not-for-profit, all -volunteer group in Flagler County. We are not only a member of the Florida Scenic Highways program with the Florida Department of Transportation, but also have the distinction of being the first in the State of Florida to be awarded the Heritage designation from the FDOT. This means that our 92 miles of highways and byways are recognized for their scenery as well as their importance in history. Thanks to all the work and effort made by the volunteers during our designation phase, the history along those 92 miles was collected and submitted to the FDOT to enable the first ever historic designation.

We have a number of projects in the works at the present time, including working toward building a Welcome Center at the north end of Flagler County on US 1 and Old Kings Road. Progress on this project is coming along and we have Joseph Pozzuloi’s (local architect) drawings of the proposed building and layout. We also have the support of our Flagler County Commissioners for this project.

We have also been trying to obtain a small pocket park in Bunnell at the crossroads of SR100 and US1. We have been working with the City of Bunnell toward this goal. We want to put up an historic kiosk, benches and landscaping so it will become an attractive little park for welcoming visitors into town.

We held our first annual **Flagler Heritage Festival** in December of last year.

It was at the Flagler County Fairgrounds and included a luncheon for Flagler’s Pioneer family descendants. Sisco Deen (who is himself a Pioneer descendant) was a great help with research on the families, and also served as Master of Ceremonies at the luncheon.

We had all of the Flagler County historical entities represented that day along with several re enactors.

We are always looking for more people interested in the local or “near” history of our county to help us with promoting Flagler County and preserving and sharing our local history.

Our dues are \$10 a year for an individual; \$30 for a business; \$50 for a Patron; \$100 for a Bronze; \$200 for a Silver; and \$500 for a Gold membership.

Our regular monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am at the Government Services Building (the Dome Building) on SR100 just outside of Bunnell.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!



PICTURE PAGE Retain our history



*Festival pictures by
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Palm Coast*



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(N. Old Dixie Highway)

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-  Heritage Crossroads Heritage Corridor
-  Flagler County Boundary
-  1 Flagler County Courthouse
-  2 Holden House
-  3 Bunnell City Hall
-  4 St. Mary's Catholic Church
-  5 Espanola Cemetery
-  6 Old Brick Road
-  7 Hewitt's Sawmill
-  8 Florida Agricultural Museum
-  9 Old King's Road
-  10 Pellicer Creek Conservation Area
-  11 Princess Place Preserve
-  12 African-American Cultural Center
-  13 William Henry "Doc" Deen House
-  14 Little Red School House
-  15 Old Moody Homestead
-  16 Bulow Plantation Ruins State Park

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