

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS UPDATE

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Black Historical Society of Broward County (Mary Smith, President)

The society has recently received its charter from the State of Florida. A meeting will soon be held to aid members in researching the contributions of black citizens to Broward.

BROWARD COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. (Joan Lynn, President)

Wilma Williams, dig master, reports society members have permission to excavate four sites on the Arvida Tract situated south of Route 84 and east of Route 27.

At the meeting on Friday, January 14, 1977, Mr. Bill Raymond, marine geologist, presented a slide-talk on "The Endangered Coral Reefs of Broward County."

BROWARD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (Harry Young, President)

The Broward Genealogical Society was organized to assist its members in lineage research. One of the society's major contributions to the preservation of local history has been the recording of all the gravestone inscriptions in Fort Lauderdale's Evergreen Cemetery. Results of this investigation, which were later combined with data obtained by a local chapter of the D.A.R., are currently on file at the Fort Lauderdale Library.

The Broward Genealogical Society meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Fort Lauderdale Library, 1300 East Sunrise Boulevard.

CORAL SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (James Miller, President)

On Wednesday, January 19, 1977, Mr. Mort Stern hosted an open house for society members. Early residents told of the community's rapid transformation.

Mr. Stern, a professional photographer, is now preparing a slide documentary outlining the history of Coral Springs. Upon completion, this program will be available to schools and libraries.

DANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Mrs. James McMillan, President)

Members are currently documenting historic homes in the community, collecting photographs, and compiling an oral history.

DAVIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. (J. Kenneth King, President)

Plans are underway to establish an historical museum with displays documenting the community's growth and development.

DEERFIELD BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Julie Brugnoli, President)

Restoration Committee Chairmen Mrs. Ralph Wanzenberg and Mrs. Richard Mowry announce that the Deerfield Beach schoolhouse built in 1920 has been refurbished and will be open soon to the public. The structure, situated at 256 Northeast Second Street, also served as Deerfield's City Hall.

The schoolhouse contains an authentic classroom complete with inkwells, blackboard, desks and pot belly stove, and a civic meeting hall with historic exhibits.

FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. (Russell Gardner, President)

Dr. James L. Glenn of Rockwall, Texas, has been officially recognized by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc., for his outstanding achievements with the Seminole Indians, in the 1930s. A resolution was recently signed by Society President Russell Gardner and presented to Dr. Glenn by Executive Director Marjorie Patterson.

The resolution cited Dr. Glenn for his devoted life to the service of mankind of all colors and races and to the improvement of its physical and spiritual well-being; his active work with the Seminole Indians of Florida; his appointment as special commissioner; his continued interest in the welfare of the Seminoles; his research and history of the stalwart Seminole people and for the establishment of his collection of Seminole history at the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

HALLANDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

(Betty Jo Moffitt Cunningham, President)

The Hallandale Historical Society announces publication of a monograph by Bill McGoun chronicling the development of Hallandale. Currently, society members have initiated a project to acquire and restore the PBA Hall built in 1910 and used as a schoolhouse until 1916.

HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Kenneth J. Spry, President)

The mid-winter meeting of the Hollywood Historical Society was held Wednesday, January 12, 1977 at the Washington Federal Savings and Loan Building, Park Road, Hollywood. Members discussed various aspects of the community's historical development. The following participants presented reports: Mrs. Pat Smith, sites and buildings; Mrs. Mary Hamill, churches; Mr. Bucky Walters, post office; Mrs. Kay LaBelle, schools; Mrs. Lamora Mickelson, Art and Cultural Center; and Mr. Joe Williams, fire department.

OAKLAND PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Edward Bailey, President)

Society members are now remodeling and refurbishing the house once occupied by the city's first mayor, Joseph Dewey Hawkins, and the city's first paid fire chief, Edward Bailey, as a historical museum. The house has been moved from its original location at Northeast 39th Street and 8th Avenue to 3876 Northeast Sixth Avenue. Proceeds from a rummage sale sponsored by the Woman's Club of Oakland Park will help defray expenses.

PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Dorothy O'Hare, President)

During the bicentennial year, a history of Plantation was compiled by Ginny Allen and Jean Hanes. Copies have been placed in all schools in Plantation and in the library. Tours of City Hall were also set up. A highlight of the tour has been a talk by the Mayor on the processes of municipal government.

Pen and ink sketches were presented to Mayor and Mrs. Frank Veltri by Irving Wasserman. The originals were loaned to Plantation Historical Society, scaled down to notepaper size, and are now being sold. Also, a limited edition of 8½" by 11" prints, suitable for framing, are being sold.

A slide program documenting the development of Plantation is now available. The slides were compiled from snapshots (1944 and up) in the collections of pioneer residents Fred Peters, Barbara Hoeltzel, Guilford and Eve Bartlett, Betty Hoffman, and Dorcas Ward.

The society's main goal is to move, restore, and furnish the Peters' home—the first house in Plantation. Members also hope to establish a mini-museum at City Hall. The City of Plantation has designated the Plantation Historical Society as the City Historian.

POMPANO BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

(Thomas W. Johnston, President)

Society members are establishing an historical museum at 300 East Atlantic Boulevard (Rustic Park), Pompano Beach and are collecting artifacts and memorabilia for future exhibits. A list of historic sites and buildings is being compiled for the marker program.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Dianne Thompson, President)

Members hope to eventually acquire the first city hall, now the municipal library, to house the archives and collections of the society. The oral history of Wilton Manors continues to be accumulated.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NOVA UNIVERSITY JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Dr. Leonard A. Tomasello, Advisor)

A coloring book based on historic sites in Broward County dating back to 1915 was produced by junior historical society members to help celebrate Broward County Pioneer Days held October 9 and 10 at Port Everglades.

The seven- to eleven-year-old artists drew their pictures from old photographs. The special bicentennial project was the idea of Dr. Leonard A. Tomasello, a sometimes artist himself and director of Lower House II and the Middle House at The University School.

Pictures include a jaunty school bus from 1918, some Dania Beach bathing beauties whose bodies somehow resemble a banana and a pea pod, and a lopsided Davie General Store, which in 1916 also served as icehouse, post office, boat landing and loading dock. The first Broward County Courthouse flies a flag with stars on the outside and stripes in the middle, and the first Baptist Church looks a bit like a railroad trestle.

But the spirit of the Florida frontier is captured in full flavor, if not the exact detail of each edifice.

"The children had fun doing this bicentennial project and learned a lot of history of Broward County in the process," observed Dr. Tomasello.

Copies of the 60-page coloring book are \$2 and may be ordered from The University School, 7500 Southwest 36 Street, Fort Lauderdale, 33314, or by calling 583-6185 continued on page 38