"The HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM"

is the subject of the September program to be presented by the City of Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Planner, Warren Adams, who is beginning his role in that newly created position. The actual title for the program is "An Introduction to the Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Program." The meeting will be on Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. This is a combined meeting with the new Historic Preservation Board and is an opportunity for us to help fill them in about preservation history.

Warren Adams has outstanding credentials for his new position. He has held positions as an historic planner in both the United Kingdom and the United States. He holds an M.A., with distinction, in Conservation Studies, Historic Buildings, from the University of York, England. While he was an undergraduate, his experience included serving as a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in the Americas; Executive Director, Broward Trust for Historic Preservation, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Historic Preservation Planner, City of West Palm Beach, FL; Historic Preservation Planner, City of Delray Beach, FL; Project Manager, Weston-super-Mare Townscape Heritage initiative, England; Project Manager, Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust, Scotland; Member Palm Beach County Historic Resources Review Board; among others.

In an earlier edition of The Historian, we reported that the City had established an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation to make recommendations to the City about how to handle its historic preservation. Both Barbara Ready and Janet DeVries, Board members in the Boynton Beach Historical Society, served on that Ad Hoc Committee. Warren Adams chaired it. The creation of a Planner and a Board is a true step forward toward preserving the heritage of the City of Boynton Beach.

WHAT: Boynton Beach Historical Society September Program Meeting, "An Introduction to the Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Program" with Warren Adams, City Historic Preservation Planner

WHEN: Monday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: City Commission Chambers, City Hall

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
The next Board of Directors meeting for the BBHS will be Monday, September 26, 2011, 6:30, at the Boynton Woman’s Club. This is the first meeting since last spring, and we have a number of topics to discuss. An agenda will be forthcoming. Any member of the Society in good standing is welcome to attend any Board of Directors meeting and may contribute to the discussion, but only Board members may vote on business matters.

2011 MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED SINCE MAY 1

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP:
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Lillian Ostiguy
Harvey E. Oyer, III
Fain Weems

A special welcome to new members Carl Hackle, Irma and Delmar Hackle, Charlie Light, and Donald Cook. Welcome back, Fain Weems, who served for many years as a member of the Board of Directors.

HARVEY E. OYER, Jr. MEMORIAL FUND
Special thanks to Harvey E. Oyer III who has designated that a number of honoraria he has received from speaking engagements be sent to the fund. Voncile received an honorarium for speaking to the Lakeridge Greens Men's Club for telling them about "British Colonial Florida" that was deposited to the account. Lyn Smith Orletsky (Voncile's daughter) recently made a very generous contribution also.

We have added an additional $480.00 to the account from the sale of historic pictures from the archives to Wells Fargo Bank. Special thanks to Janet DeVries, our archivist and First Vice President for Programs, for arranging to have copies made and for negotiating with the bank.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES SEEKS FLORIDA MAPS
The Boynton Beach City Library Local History & Archives is accepting donations of all Florida maps, including road and transportation for placement in its permanent collection. Contact Janet DeVries, Archivist, at 742-6397 for additional information.
IN MEMORIAM

ERNA YANKE WEAVER - Erna and Stanley Weaver had been members of the Boynton Beach Historical Society since its founding in 1968. Sadly only a few months after we lost Stanley, Erna passed away May 26, 2011.

Erna was born in Detroit, MI, but her family moved to Boynton Beach in 1945 to own and operate the Old Dutch Mill Restaurant on North Federal Hwy. After she and Stanley were married in 1949, she supported him in his many community service commitments. She was a charter member of Ascension Lutheran Church and a longtime member of the Boynton Woman's Club. For over 30 years she worked in all elections for the precinct located at the Boynton Civic Center. A great loss in her life was death in an accident in 2010 of her grandson Kyle Ternenyi who was only 26 year old.

Immediate surviving family members are her daughter and son-in-law Christine and George Ternenyi, her son William, and her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Kelly and Dustin Schwarz.

The Historical Society shares her family’s sorrow and wishes them well. We will all miss her very much. Contributions in her honor may be sent to the DeVos-Blum YMCA designated to "Kyle's Kids at the Y" or to the Schoolhouse Children's Museum.

Erna Yanke Weaver

BETTY McFALL THOMAS - On July 22, 2011, the Historical Society lost another longtime member. Betty McFall was born in Chicago and graduated from Knox College. She accepted her first teaching position in Sheridan, WY where she met an accomplished young artist, Bernard P. Thomas, whom she married in 1948. Later they moved to Florida. Betty was an active and well-known member of the Boynton Beach community for almost 60 years. She taught at South Grade School and Boynton Beach Elementary where the later became Assistant Principal. Later she became principal Galaxy Elementary School for 11 years and then opened and led Calusa Elementary School until her retirement in 1993.

She held many education and community memberships. She belonged to FREA, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Order of Eastern Star, P.E.O., and the Boynton Woman's Club. She served on the Board of the Palm Beach County Safety Patrol Association for 30 years. She was appointed to the Boynton Beach Board of Parks and Recreation in 1981. In honor for her work in helping to establish many parks in the City, there is a neighborhood park named for her. Among her many other honors she received the Martin Luther King Citizenship Award; Teacher of the Year; Florida State Principal of the Year Semi-Finalist; Grand Marshal of the Boynton Holiday Parade; and two namesake school media centers.

She served on the Board of the Boynton Beach Historical Society and had donated many hours developing an historical display in the room in the City Library where the artifacts of the Historical Society were housed before the new library addition opened.

The members of the Society offer our sympathy to her family--her two children and their spouses--Sarah and Ron Bollenbacher and Lloyd and Mary Ann Thomas, and we extend our sorrow and best wishes to her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. We will miss her kindness and helpfulness.

Betty M. Thomas

Donations in her memory may be sent to the Betty M. Thomas Scholarship Fund at the Boynton Beach 1st United Methodist Church or to the Alzheimer's Association.
This is a copy of the school newspaper "Boynton School Breezes" produced in April 1928 by the fourth and fifth grades at Boynton, Florida Public Schools. The family names of some of the children are still familiar to many of our readers—Lacey, Meredith, Rousseau, Lunsford, Austin, Myers, James and others. The Historian has featured articles about several of these families in recent editions.
At a program sponsored by the Boynton Veterans' Council on August 19, 2011, Stephen Voss and 14 other veterans who survived the invasion at Normandy during World War II were honored by the Republic of France bestowing on each The Legion of Honor Medal. The French Consul, Gael de Maisonneuve, made the presentation.

The Government of France is conducting similar ceremonies throughout the United States as it tries to locate and thank the many Americans who participated in the liberation of France from the German Third Reich. The Consul reminded the audience how grateful the French people are and remarked how America and France have been on the same side in all wars since the American Revolution.

L to R: The French Consul; Gay Voss; Stephen Voss, and Stephen, Jr. pose after the ceremony.

Stephen is the grandson of Lillie Elder Pierce Voss and Captain Frederick Voss, pioneer settlers in the Boynton-Hypoluxo area. He is a first cousin to Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. He served in the Navy during World War II during the invasion.

The fifteen honorees, wearing their medals on their left lapels, are pictured after the ceremony. Names not in order, but they are Gerald Bergman, Leo Crepeau, Jerome Efros, Larry Gold, Theodore Knee, Jack Lobel, Robert Miller, Edwin Moser, Percy Paget, Irving Swirsky, Robert Thompson, Lee Travelstead, Emmanuel Vadala, Stephen Voss, and Leo Wurtzel.

Boat Club Park has been renamed in honor of “Mr. Boynton Beach,” Harvey E. Oyer, Jr., who passed away in December, 2010. The formal dedication and public renaming will take place on October 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The Public is invited.

Over the years, Harvey had participated in many events at the park's location. Harvey was a long serving member of the Kiwanis Club of Boynton Beach. He worked at their Annual Fishing Tournament and also at many barbecues Kiwanis held at the park. At one time the Boynton Beach Historical Society held its May picnic there, and Harvey usually made the arrangements. In 1995, in a centennial reenactment of the founding of Boynton, Harvey played his great-grandfather Hannibal Pierce bringing Major Boynton by boat to that site where a number of the centennial celebratory events occurred. He had a special fondness for this park.
HISTORIC OYER COTTAGE IS RENOVATED

Harvey E. Oyer, Sr. built this cottage from lumber he had salvaged from the beach in the early 1920s. The family lived in the house briefly and Lillie Pierce Voss lived there for a time after she was widowed. An enclosed porch, which created another room (left), but a careless driver this past spring careened off Seacrest, hit and destroyed it.

Harvey III, Christian, and Susan Oyer decided to renovate it, redo the interior, and landscape around it. It sits just north of the 2-story stucco frame house Harvey, Sr. built in 1926.

BBHS PROGRAMS FOR 2011 – 2012

Program Chair, Janet DeVries, announces the following schedule for the coming year. Please mark your calendars.

9/12/11 Warren Adams, "An Introduction to the Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Program"

10/17/11 Marjorie Watts Nelson, "Paul Dunbar's Life, Ye Olde Tower, Lantana in 1925"

11/14/11 Peter & Janis Colon, Civil War re-enactors and enthusiasts, "Florida During the American Civil War"

1/9/12 Pending, TBA

2/13/12 Pending, TBA

3/12/12 Chris Davenport, "Middens of Palm Beach County"

4/9/12 Steve Anton, "Boynton Beach Shipwrecks"

5/??/12 Pending, TBA