



The Historian

The Newsletter of the Boynton Beach Historical Society

Serving Boynton Beach, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Gulf Stream, Briny Breezes, Lantana, Hypoluxo, the Village of Golf and all areas of West Boynton, in addition to supporting the preservation of the history of Palm Beach County and the State of Florida as a whole.

February 2022

From West Palm Beach to Harlem Augusta Savage: Sculptor & Civil Rights Activist

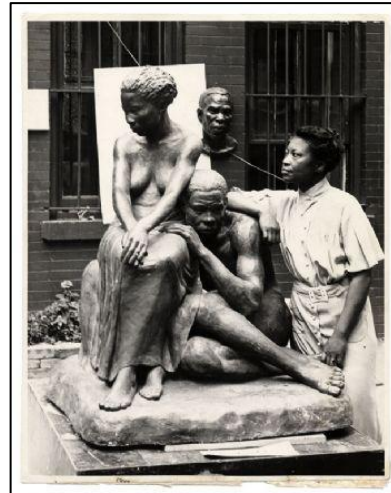
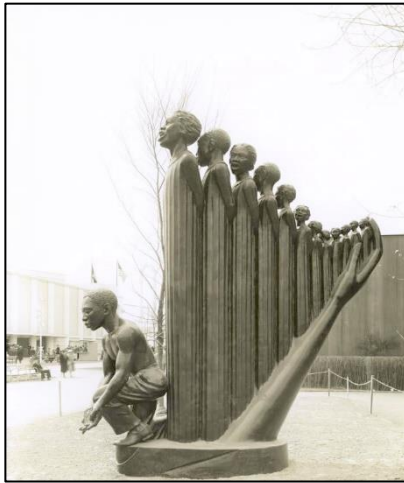
Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7-8pm EST via Zoom

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If not, send a request to join to BBHSPrograms@gmail.com and we will send you the invitation.

Born in Green Cove Springs, Florida, artist **Augusta Savage** developed her talent in West Palm Beach. Her first big break came when her mentor, Palm Beach County Fair superintendent, George Graham Currie, invited her to exhibit her works, breaking both color and gender barriers. She made her way to New York in the early 1920s, and graduated from the Cooper Union School of Art.

Ms. Savage became an accomplished sculptor in the 1920s and a core figure in the Harlem Renaissance. Savage as an artist is best known for *The Harp*, a sculpture commissioned for the 1939 World's Fair in New York. She originally called her piece *Lift Every Voice and Sing* – modeled to homage the poem penned by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson and set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson.



Professor Janet Naughton, immediate past president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, is an author, historian, librarian, researcher, and professor at Palm Beach State College. She holds master's degrees in Information Science and in History. Janet's research specialties include Florida history, women's history, African American history, library history and Palm Beach County history. She has published over a dozen books and articles on Florida's history and promotes historic scholarship by delivering lectures and conducting history tours. She has researched for news, television and film productions, playwrights, exhibits, organizations, municipalities, and individuals.



Boynton Beach Historical Society

Since 1968

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2022 - Virginia Farace
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2024 – Chadda Shelly

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Boynton Beach Historical Society

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The Historian, the newsletter of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, is usually sent six times a year, October through April (except December), to dues-paid members (one per paid membership). Previous issues are posted to our website. Issues were not published Apr '20 to Oct '21 due to COVID-19. The first line on your **mailing label** has your **dues expiration date** – are yours current? Yes? THANK YOU! If not, please mail the membership form with your dues or pay online at www.boyntonhistory.org. Dues paid at/after the last meeting of the season will be credited towards the following season.

Society Bylaws

Society Bylaws: www.boyntonhistory.org/membership/

2021-2022 Season Mondays @7pm EST Via Zoom

Feb 28 Augusta Savage: Sculptor/Civil Rights, **J Naughton**

Mar 28 Art Deco Egypt, **Sharon Koskoff**

Apr 25 Annual Meeting, Elections, Excellence Award & More



Zoom Program Meetings are Recorded

Find us on YouTube at “**BBHS Programs**”
Like and Subscribe!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Society is run entirely by Volunteers. We have just the right opportunity for you, too! We have an immediate need for a promotions coordinator and a Zoom/video support person. If interested, email us at bbsprograms@gmail.com.

The following represents our Membership Roll to date & Dues received from 12/15/2021 to 2/01/2022

Thank You to our Life Members

Vickie & Anthony **Barbar** Candy & Doug **Brueggemann**
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Marion Weaver **Wester** Bill & Elsie **Winchester**

Thank You to our Corporate Members

Boynton Memorial Chapel, Stormet C **Norem**
Dan & Regina **Day**, Delray Awning
Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home & Crematory
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Thank You to our Patrons

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New and Renewed Memberships

Thank You!

Charles & Mary Theresa **Bilthuis** Martina **Nimphie**
James **Bonfiglio** Neil **Omenn**
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Ellen Brown **Curtin** James **Pitts**
Dan & Regina **Day**, Delray Awning Anthony **Rawson**
Gillian **Davis** Barbara **Ready**
Ramona **Davis** Clifford & Rosemary **Rifkin**
Charlotte **DeLeu** H Alex **Rousseau**
Mary Miner **Haggard** Thomas **Ramiccio**
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Gladys **Knuth** Michele **Walter**
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Robert **McClory** Melinda **Wheeler**
Jeff **Morgan** Michael **Wilson/Land to Sea** Photog
Rosalie **Morrissey** Suzy **Winchester**

A Special Welcome to our BOGO Recipients

Marissa **Frye** Valerie **Pleasanton**
Marilyn **Rautio** Rene **Shaw**
David **Pefka** Bernard **Turner**

SPECIAL NOTE

Thank you to those who have stepped up your memberships level this season. **Warm welcome** to our new members. And a **HUGE Thank You** to the anonymous donors who “have been very pleased by what we are doing.” We strive to meet the high expectations you’ve set for us!



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Dorian Beck Trauger



Dorian Beck Trauger, a longtime resident of Boynton Beach and Delray Beach, passed away in September 2020. Dorian had been a Life Member of the Boynton Beach Historical Society. The Society is greatly appreciative of Mrs. Trauger's generous bequeathment.

Excerpts From the October 2015 issue of *The Historian*:

A POWER TEAM-DORIAN AND MARTY TRAUGER

An Army Colonel, a college professor and administrator, and a Boynton Mayor are all roles **Walter Martin Trauger** filled. His wife, **Dorian Beck Trauger** was equally versatile in the roles she held, but many of them occurred in a time when women's roles were downplayed in favor of their responsibilities as wives and mothers.

Dorian and Marty Trauger were married for 47 years. Dorian, too, was born in Ohio, Cleveland Heights, and received her BS from Ohio University. Later she attended graduate school at New York University. She arrived with her parents in Delray Beach in 1944 to spend the winter. The family has owned a winter home in South Florida since 1950. Dorian has been a permanent resident of Delray Beach and Boynton Beach since 1969.

Dorian's interests are many. In college she was on the swimming team, the field hockey team, and the rifle team. Later her swimming ability led her to a role in "Billy Rose's Aquacade" in Cleveland, Ohio. During her life with Marty, she lived in Ohio; Hollywood, California; Virginia; New York; New Orleans, Louisiana; Hawaii; Japan; Alaska and Florida. She has been an analytical chemist, a payroll accountant, a teacher, a model, and a store manager and owner. In 1991 she and Marty were chosen to be Grand Marshalls for the Boynton Beach Christmas parade.

Dorian has been active in the community during her many years here. She has been a member of the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce since 1978. She served on the Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Board for 17 years. When Boynton Beach sponsored its annual GALA, she served as its Activities Chairman for 17 years. She has been a Board Member and Secretary for the Delray Beach Playhouse. She is a life member of the Boynton Woman's Club and a life member of the Boynton Beach Historical Society. She served on the Board of Directors for the DeVoss-Blum Family YMCA for 9 years. She has been a generous donor to many organizations, yet she still has had time to engage in some interesting personal leisure activities including entering Scottish Terriers in dog show competitions, politics, and hula dancing.

Herbert Zobel

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Longtime Historical Society member and owner of **The Garden Store** on E Ocean Ave in Boynton Beach (now the location of East Ocean Café), **Herbert Zobel**, recently relocated to Tennessee with son, Richard, and daughter-in-law, Jill. In a note to the Society, Herbert writes -

I moved to Boynton in 1956 from NY State with my wife, 1-year-old son and a cat. We stayed at Seaview Trailer Park. At first, I had several jobs at \$1.00 an hour. Then I started mowing a few yards. That led to having a truck and four employees. As that grew, I went into landscaping and started a garden store from scratch. Thanks to Boynton and its residents, I had a successful business and a nice place to raise a family. Thanks Boynton and the Historical Society!

Herbert's second wife, **Betty Law**, the daughter of **Oscar and Eunice Magnuson**, was town treasurer. We wish Herbert well in his new home, a very happy birthday, and many happy returns!



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Woodland Moonlight Cemetery Tours by City of W Palm Beach Parks & Recreation

The **Woodlawn Moonlight Cemetery Tour** is a unique, historical, and colorful look back about the community's past. The tours of Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 1301 S Dixie Hwy, W Palm Beach, are FREE. This is *not* a haunted tour. This is an historical and informative look at our pioneers and people of the past. The tour lasts 90 minutes. You should plan on walking atop uneven ground and listening to stories that will open a door to a fascinating past. Dates for upcoming tours are Feb 18, and Mar 18, 2022. Prior registration is required. See <https://www.facebook.com/WoodlawnTours>. For Tickets, search for "Moonlight Cemetery Tour" on Eventbrite.

Photos Courtesy J Naughton



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Are you a new member or have you already renewed your membership for 2022? Did you remember to **BOGO**? Buy one: Give one!

Let us know who gets the **FREE** one-year membership by providing the recipient's name, mailing address, email, and telephone by sending us an email at

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and we'll do the rest. Thank you!

The recipient must be a NEW member to the Society. Student membership level is not eligible to gift this offer.



Boynton Beach Historical Society Membership Form

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E-mail _____

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This is a:

☐ **New** Membership

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Select Membership Type:

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☐ **Life** (one-time payment) **\$500**

Complete and mail with payment to:
Boynton Beach Historical Society
PO Box 12
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The Society is a 501(c)(3) Organization; dues are tax deductible.
Membership year runs Jan 1 to Dec 31. Dues are not pro-rated.
Expiration date is shown on first line of your mailing label.



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2022 Florida Highwaymen Art Show Thank you to our co-sponsors the **Boynton Woman's Club**, our partners, the **City of Boynton Beach**, the **Honorable Mayor Steve B Grant**, **City Commissioners**, and to all involved in planning, participating, exhibiting, baking, entertaining, attending and donating! Check out the **Art Show video** on YouTube at "BBHS Programs" and while you're there, Like and Subscribe to be notified when we post new videos.



Photos Courtesy: S Anton, A Gill, A Rimler

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!
Florida Themed Basket: Lori Hennick (top right)
Scheurer's: Jim (bottom left) & (not pictured) Peggy Calhoun



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Archivist's Corner

by **Georgen Charnes, Library Archivist, Boynton Beach City Library**

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The Archives recently received the donation of an interesting photograph from **Herbert Zobel**, featuring himself and his father-in-law at that time, **William Maul**, in front of Herb Zobel's **Garden Store** in about 1966.

I've often wondered about the curious building stretching behind this store, at the southwest corner of the intersection of E. Ocean Avenue and the railroad tracks. At the front is a lovely little café, East Ocean Café, with outside seating and great food, and down the side, facing the railroad tracks, are what look like small garages. Now empty, this photo documents that it used to be filled with vibrant small businesses. Visible here are **Barbour's Lawn Mower Service**, **Summers Electrical Warehouse**, and **Telstar Products**. Barbour's was replaced by **Parkinson Mower Shop** in 1967. Telstar Products, managed by **George Monahan**, apparently made lamps. Other businesses I've found that operated there over the years are **Philcraft Woodworking**, **John's Furniture Refinishing**, and **Murl Volberg's** barber shop. The Garden Store moved to this location in 1966 and was there until 1977.

The building was constructed and began renting space in 1953 as the "**Boynton Trading Center**" for \$25 a month. It was, at that time, 414 E. Ocean Avenue. Now, it's 412 E. Ocean Avenue for the front building, and 414 for the back building. In this photo, the back section looks so much smaller than it is now, I checked some aerial views, where it seems to be the same size it is now.

I wonder what's inside these little garages and what condition anything inside might be. I'm sure none of them would be within modern codes – no bathrooms or water or fire exits, much less air conditioning. Still, I wonder what the world would be like if we were able to have a small business for only \$25 month in rent.



H Zobel, W Maul, 1966



Aerial View

Images courtesy Zobel Family and
Boynton Beach City Library