



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.

HAVE A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR! January 2020

FLORIDA HIGHWAYMEN ART SHOW & SALE

Co-Sponsored by Boynton Beach Historical Society & Boynton Woman's Club

Saturday, January 18, 2020, @ 11am – 3pm

First Presbyterian Church, Pratt Hall, 235 SW 6th Ave, Boynton Beach 33435



Beach Scene, H Newton (1934-1994), M Randall Gill Collection

Parking is Free! Admission is Free!

The original Florida Highwaymen artists scheduled to appear: Curtis Arnett, Al Black, family of Mary Ann Carroll, Issac Knight, Robert Lewis, and Doretha Hair Truesdell.

Join us! Meet the highly acclaimed original Florida Highwaymen landscape artists. Live painting demo. Presentation. The chance to purchase original works. And the Boynton Beach Historical Society and the Boynton Woman's Club are pleased to offer the 2020 Florida Highwaymen Art Show poster, featuring *Fire Sky* by Harold Newton, for a \$10 donation. The numbered, collectible poster is limited to an edition of 100. Proceeds defray Art Show costs.

Also, in this edition:

See Page 3 for a special announcement from our Membership Chair, Sheila Rousseau Taylor

All Programs of the Boynton Beach Historical Society are FREE and OPEN to the Public

Boynton Beach Historical Society

Since 1968

2019-2020 Board of Directors

OFFICERS Elected Annually

President - Randall Gill

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Interim Treasurer – Anne Rimler

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2020 - Steven Anton

2020 - Jeffrey Fine

2021 - Heidi Bell

TRUSTEES 3-Year Term

2020 - Sarah Thomas Bollenbacher

2020 - open

2021 - Donna Artes

2021 - Susan Oyer

2022 - Virginia Farace

2022 - Ben Lowe

Non-Elected

Editor, *The Historian* - open

Archivist/Facebook/Webmaster - Janet Naughton

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Boynton Beach Historical Society

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Find us on the web at www.boyntonhistory.org, on Facebook at @HistoricBoyntonBeach and on Twitter @BoyntonHistory. Questions or comments about **Programs**? Email us at bbhsprograms@gmail.com. Questions or comments about **Membership**? Email us at bbhsmembership@gmail.com.

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The Historian, the newsletter of the Society, is usually mailed six times a year, October through April, to all dues-paid members. An issue is not produced in December. Previous issues are posted to the website.

2019-2020 Season - Save the Date!

Sat, Jan 18, 2020 @11a-3p FL Highwaymen Art Show

Mon Feb 17, 2020 @7p Panther Ridge Conservation Ctr

Mon, Mar 16, 2020 @7p Women Trailblazers of PBC

Sun, Apr 19, 2020@5p Mango Mania & Covered Dish

Program Location

First Presbyterian Church, 235 SW 6th Ave
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Prehistoric PBC – Chris Davenport

Thanks to **Chris Davenport** for an informative presentation in Nov 2019 on the fascinating 6000-year-old artifacts found at digs in this area. And thanks to Melinda Wheeler of **Oakdale Travel LLC** Boynton Beach for providing refreshments! A special thanks to **Clear Copy Inc** Boynton Beach for their superior printing services.

Thanks to our Life Members*

Lenore Raborn Boonstra

Candy & Doug Brueggemann

EasyPay Tire Stores Inc, Doug Besecker, Ruth Besecker

Robert and Jeanne Gaylor

Randall Gill

Robert & Christian Oyer Macoviak

Melear Bros., Cliff & Rick Melear

Wayne & Eva Brooks Knuth Netzler

Scott & Camilla Smith Richardson

Alexander "Sandy" Simon

Ernest G Simon

Voncile Marshall Smith

George & Christine Weaver Ternenyi

Dorian Beck Trauger

Curtis & Nain Weems Weaver

Bill & Elsie Winchester

Thanks to our 2019 Corporate Members*

Daniel and Lisa Ames Suiter

Thanks to our 2020 Corporate Members*

Boynton Memorial Chapel, Stormet Norem

Delray Awning, Inc., Don and Regina Day

Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home & Crematory

2020 Membership Renewals*

Thank You!

Cecil Adderly Jr

Ron & Dr Ann Marie Lind

Steve Anton

Sandra Leslie McGregor

Patricia Atwater

John & Rannie Melear

Peter Aispuro

Anne Weems Michael

Ron & Sarah Bollenbacher

Rosemary Mouring

Doris Braunworth

Janet DeVries & Mike Naughton

Bit Shaw & Barrie Byron

William Orlove

Brian Combs

Sandie Pike

L Don & Jeanne Combs

James & Edith Bennet Pitts

Diana Dennis

Anne Rimler

Donald Edge

Vito & Helen Rinaldo

Virginia Farace

Susan Merkel Shaffer

Wendy Franklin

John & Chadda Shelly

Barbara Louise Gellner

Anne Watts

Larry Grosser

JH Weeks

Sally Hood

Marion Weaver Wester

Judith Merkle Howard

Melinda Wheeler

William James

Sarah B Williams

Carol Kuenzel

*Received between Nov 7-Dec 19, 2019

Gift Memberships, Memberships Given in Honor, and Memberships Given in Memory Available

Complete the Membership Form and mail with your check or pay online with PayPal at www.boyntonhistory.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Boynton Beach Historical Society is run entirely by volunteer members, for our members. Let us know if you would like to join us and make history happen!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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Greetings Boynton Beach Historical Society Members & Friends!

We wish to thank the members who have already renewed dues for 2020. On page 2 there is a list of dues received between Nov 7-Dec 19, 2019. Your membership and donations allow the Society to preserve our history through publication of this newsletter, special projects, and to present six programs a year that are free and open to the public.

A special Welcome and Thank You to our new members! We look forward to meeting you, Maggie Arndt and James Bonfiglio, at our next program: the Florida Highwaymen Art Show and Sale in January. "Historically," (: the Florida Highwaymen Art Show has generated great interest and attendance! Your generosity ensures that admission and parking for the Art Show are free. I'll be at the Society's table – please stop by and introduce yourself!

Also, a big Thank You to Candy & Doug Brueggermann and Bill R & Elsie Winchester for your Life Memberships!

Looking for the perfect gift? Gift memberships, gifts in honor or in memory are also available.

The membership year for the Boynton Beach Historical Society is based on a calendar year, January 1 to December 31; dues are not pro-rated. For your convenience, there is a membership form and self-addressed envelope included or pay online using PayPal at www.boyntonhistory.org. Questions? Comments? Email me @ BBHSMembership@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Sheila

*Sheila Rousseau Taylor
2nd Vice President Membership*

Archivist's Corner

Georgen Charnes, Library Archivist, Boynton Beach City Library

As the new archivist for the Boynton Beach City Library Local History Archives, I have been fortunate to inherit a well-organized and cared for collection. With preservation and arrangement needs chiefly fulfilled on existing materials, I have been able to forge onward to address one of the Archive's primary goals of improving access to collections.

In today's world of online tools, the options for providing online access to archival materials are as vast as our imaginations. In order to start the process, we needed a digital presence! I created a section of the Library website devoted to the Archives, located at boynton-beach.org/library/archives. From there, the public can access:

- **Images:** an ever-growing number of our photographs are available online through a partnership with Florida International University. These images have also been added to the Digital Public Library of America.
- **Digitized Publications:** Many issues of our Boynton Beach newspapers and local directories have been scanned and made searchable online.
- **Manuscripts:** Collections of personal papers, scrapbooks, photographs, etc. are now described and searchable with finding aids.
- **Information & FAQ:** Hopefully answers some frequently asked questions.
- **Research Help:** Features some interesting and useful links to research materials and will be frequently updated.
- **Oral Histories:** The digitized oral histories are now available online through the Internet Archive. Each one is accompanied by a recording and finding aid with a biographical summary and transcription whenever possible.

These efforts to increase access to the collections will be continuing. I'd love to hear your feedback on what we've accomplished so far! When we're in our new building, we'll be aiming to build the collections to better document the heritage of all communities in our region and continue to build resources to support all levels of research.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PROGRAM: PANTHER RIDGE CONSERVATION CENTER

**Monday, February 17, 2020, Doors open 6:30pm, Program Begins 7pm
First Presbyterian Church, 235 SW SW 6th Av, Boynton Beach FL 33435**

Panther Ridge Conservation Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity dedicated to providing a lifelong home and superior care for exotic felines that have been abandoned, abused or neglected. Part habitat, part haven, part labor of feline love, the Panther Ridge Conservation Center is above all else a home for some of the world's most beautiful and endangered big cats. Panther Ridge is dedicated to conservation through education. The center is home to over 20 big cats representing nine different species. Panther Ridge strives to engage the public with feline ambassadors so that they may become aware of the plight of big cats in the wild. Once a cat is accepted by Panther Ridge, it will never again need a home, or be at risk of neglect or mishandling. The animals are treated with kindness, respect, and gratitude for their part in conservation. For information, go to their website pantherridge.org. They are located at 2143 D Road in Loxahatchee, approximately 25 miles north west of downtown Boynton Beach.