



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.

January 2022

2022 Florida Highwaymen Art Show & Sale

SATURDAY, January 15, 2022 @ 11-3pm

Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E. Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach, FL 33435

FREE Admission * FREE Parking

We are proud to present the third annual **Florida Highwaymen Art Show & Sale**. The art show is co-sponsored by the **Boynton Beach Historical Society** and the **Boynton Woman's Club** in partnership with the **City of Boynton Beach**. This group of African American artists painted their way out of a life otherwise destined for the citrus groves and packing houses of 1950's Florida, into the 2004 Florida Artists Hall of Fame and international acclaim. Today their work is widely sought by collectors all over the world. Selling door-to-door or out of the trunks of their cars on the side of the highways, the mostly self-taught artists produced an astonishing number of paintings that depict Florida as it once was, with wind-swept palms, billowing clouds, lazy rivers, and spectacular sunsets.

These popular legacy Highwayman artists will be on hand to discuss their artwork and will have paintings available for purchase. Visitors will enjoy hearing their fascinating history and will have the opportunity to watch an original Highwayman artist create one of his signature paintings. The artists scheduled to attend: **Curtis Arnett, Al Black, Kandi Ingram** (daughter of **Mary Ann Carroll**), **Willie Reagan, Doretha Hair Truesdell** and **Charles Walker**.



Isaac Knight (1941 -), Oil on Upson Board, Collection of Carrie Hill, Photo Courtesy Carrie Hill

The **Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center** is a fitting showcase for these artists and for this Art Show. The Historical Society has been vocal in the fight to save the 1926 Boynton High building from destruction. The City of Boynton Beach rose to the challenge and turned the structure into a cultural arts hub and gem in Boynton Beach.

Members of the Historical Society and the Boynton Woman's Club will be on hand to welcome you and will offer the 2022 Florida Highwaymen Art Show poster, featuring a work by Alfred Hair, for a \$10 donation. The numbered, collectible poster, the third in the series, is limited to an edition of 100. Proceeds defray Art Show costs.

All Programs of the Boynton Beach Historical Society are FREE and OPEN to the Public
Boynton Beach Historical Society The Historian January 2022



Boynton Beach Historical Society

Since 1968

2021-2022 Board of Directors

OFFICERS Elected Annually

President – M Randall Gill

1st Vice President, Programs - Barbara Ready

2nd Vice President, Membership - Sheila Rousseau Taylor

Secretary – Alex Rousseau

Treasurer – Anne Rimler

TRUSTEES 3-Year Term

2022 - Virginia Farace

2022 - Ben Lowe

2023 – Steve Anton

2023 – Heidi Bell

2024 - Donna Artes

2024 – Chadda Shelly

Non-Elected

Editor, *The Historian* - Anne Rimler

Archivist/Facebook/Webmaster – Janet Naughton

Facebook Admin/Webmaster – Ginger Pedersen

Boynton Beach Historical Society

PO Box 12, Boynton Beach, FL 33435

We are on the web www.boyntonhistory.org, and on Facebook [@HistoricBoyntonBeach](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricBoyntonBeach) and on Twitter [@BoyntonHistory](https://twitter.com/BoyntonHistory).

Questions or comments: **Programs** bhbsprograms@gmail.com

Membership bhbsmembership@gmail.com.

The Historian

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? 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: <http://www.boyntonhistory.org/membership/>

2021-2022 Season Mondays @7pm EST Via Zoom

Jan 15* Highwaymen Art Show/Sale, Arts & Cultural Ctr

Feb 28 Augusta Savage Sculptor/Civil Rights **Janet Naughton**

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

Apr 25 Annual Meeting, Excellence Award & More

* Highwaymen Art Show & Sale is Sat Jan 15 @11am-3pm
Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Av
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Zoom Program Meetings are Recorded

Find us on YouTube at "**BBHS Programs**"

Like and Subscribe!

Playlists have been created for the 2021 and 2022 Seasons.



The following represents our Membership Roll to date & Dues received from 11/6/2021 to 12/15/2021

Thank You to our Life Members

Candy & Doug **Brueggemann** Alexander "Sandy" **Simon**

Scott & Camilla **Smith Richardson**

Robert and Jeanne **Gaylor** Voncile Marshall **Smith**

George & Christine Weaver **Ternenyi** M Randall **Gill**

Robert & Christian **Oyer Macoviak** William & Gaye **Weaver**

Melear Bros., Cliff & Rick **Melear** Marion Weaver **Wester**

Wayne & Eva Brooks Knuth **Netzler** Bill & Elsie **Winchester**

EasyPay Tire Stores Inc, Doug & Ruth **Besecker**

Thank You to our Corporate Members

Boynton Memorial Chapel, Stormet C Norem

Dan & Regina Day, Delray Awning

Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home & Crematory

Daniel & Lisa Ames Suiter

Membership Renewals

Cecil L Adderley

Pam Traylor Anwyll

Jose Hector Arvelo

Tim Bednarz

James Bonfiglio

Doris Braunworth

Mike & Lucy Brown

Marjorie Bynum

Richard Castagnoli

Emme Cortelyou

Ramona Davis

Diana Dennis

Donald Edge

Jay & Barbara Erlichman

Virginia Farace

Gayle Kranz & George Greider Sheila Rousseau & Robert Taylor

Robert Ganger

Ann Gill

Larry Grosser

William G James

Leslie Kranz

Carol & John Kuenzel

Charles & Betty LaBella

Thank You!

Anne Michael

Elizabeth Michael

Rosemary Mouring

Janet & Mike Naughton

William & Laura Orlove

Ronald & Isabella Pause

Sandie Pike

Sue Revie

Anne Rimler

Mary Patricia Ryan

Wyman & Barbara Scott

Susan Merkel Shaffer

John & Chadda Shelly

Dan & Lisa Suiter

Billey Jo Swilley

Sheila Rousseau & Robert Taylor

Jean Ann Thurber

Arleen Van Brunt

Anne Watts

Dorothy & Paul Wenz

Sara Williams

Gerald Wilcox

Herbert Zobel

A Special Welcome to our BOGO Recipients*

Lisa Hartstein

Mark Law

Brooke C Swilley

Cameron Thurber

This note is from **Billie Jo Swilley**, a longtime Society member, about new member, BOGO recipient and granddaughter, **Brooke C Swilley**: Brooke is the great granddaughter of **Collice & Versie Weeks Swilley** who arrived in the Boynton area in 1939. Her grandfather, **Delmar Swilley**, attended Boynton Elementary in the early 1940's where his mother worked in the cafeteria and later graduated from Seacrest High. Brooke's great great grandfather, **William Henry Weeks**, was a Boynton farmer in the early 1930's.

SPECIAL THANKS

It takes a village to put on the Florida Highwaymen Art Show! Heartfelt thanks to all who participated, and special thanks for their invaluable contributions to: **Kay Baker, Barbara Erlichman, Carrie Hill, Christine Hintz, Linda Stabile, and Michele Walter.**



The Historian

50th Holiday Parade Held in Boynton Beach December 4, 2021

Years ago, Boynton Beach had parades that featured floats, trucks, and cars decorated with natural plants, flowers, and palm branches. Today we see trucks pumping out loud music with generators and holiday lights twinkling as vehicles roll down Federal Highway.

Last year there wasn't a holiday parade in Boynton Beach due to the pandemic. It was exciting to have a parade again. This year marked the 50th Holiday Parade in the city and Randall Gill represented the Boynton Beach Historical Society as a judge. There were sixty entries in this historic parade and eleven school bands performed. A variety of outstanding groups were represented and created a very festive atmosphere.

Highlights included seeing the Palm Beach Lakes High School perform and participants using American Sign Language to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. The Royal DJ's, an enthusiastic group of special DJs, also received an award. The Boynton Beach Tiger Band and Congress Middle School Band & Majorettes received awards for their high-spirited performances.

Photos Courtesy R Gill



Ann Gill, and Parade Judges Randall Gill, Dwayne Holt and Marcia Levine, and Commissioner Ty Penserga



Mayor Steven Grant and Family at the Holiday Parade

2022 BWC Arts & Crafts Show



Joan White's 2018 winning embroidery

An Invitation from The Boynton Woman's Club ~ Thursday, Jan 27, 2022 @11:30am

The **Boynton Woman's Club** is inviting all to its Arts & Crafts show on Thursday, January 27, 2022 @11:30am. The Arts & Crafts Show will be held at the Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center at 125 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Although you may bring your own lunch, we are encouraging BWC members and our guests to order from **TJ's Cafe**, the Palm Beach Habilitation Center's in-house caterers. This is a **free** event, but **reservations are required**. To make a reservation, get TJ's menu and order your lunch, if desired, email Barbara Erlichman at barbara.erlichman24@gmail.com or leave a message at 561-369-2300. Remember to include your name and phone number. Payment for meals will be due the day of the event.



The Historian

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL - BUY ONE:GIVE ONE. **BOGO**.

We are stupendously pleased to make this SPECIAL offer for the second time! When you become a member or renew your membership, you can give a FREE one-year membership for one friend, family member or other interested party! BUY ONE:GIVE ONE*. BOGO*. TWO memberships for the SAME PRICE!

Please provide the recipient's name, mailing address, email, and phone, and they will also receive "The Historian," via email, in addition to important Society notifications.

Have you already sent in your dues for 2022? Thank you! Please designate your BOGO recipient by sending an email to bbhsmembership@gmail.com with the info requested for your BOGO recipient. We'll do the rest.

****The BOGO recipient must be a NEW member to the Society.
*Student membership level is not eligible to gift the BOGO special.***

Boynton Beach Historical Society Membership Form

BUY ONE:GIVE ONE

My Name _____

Select one – this is a:

New Membership. Membership Renewal.

Street _____

Select Membership Type:

City _____

Individual \$25

Family \$35

State / Zip _____

Patron \$50

Corporate \$100

Email _____

Student* \$10 (please provide valid Student ID)

Life (one-time payment) \$500

Phone # _____

I would like to Give a One-Year Membership to (BOGO Recipient's Information)*:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State / Zip _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

**The BOGO recipient must be a NEW member to the Society. Student membership level is not eligible to give BOGO specials.*

Complete and mail with payment: Boynton Beach Historical Society PO Box 12 Boynton Beach FL 33435-0012. Or pay online using PayPal at www.boyntonhistory.org/membership/ and send BOGO Recipient Information by email to bbhsmembership@gmail.com.

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.



The Historian

The Historical Society is collecting stories and remembrances of Boynton Beach dating from 1968 to present for the upcoming publication "Boynton Beach: Memories and Connections." Here's a preview of what will be included. Want to submit a story of your own? Learn how here - <http://www.boyntonhistory.org/your-memories/>

The Art of Framing

Virginia and Robert Foot

We moved to Boynton Beach from Palm Beach Gardens in September of 1980. The **Art of Framing** opened September 1, 1981. The charming building at 638 E Ocean Ave had a brick front with white shutters. For 28 years, we offered custom framing as well as do-it-yourself framing, but chose to retire and close the shop in September 2009. While I worked daily in the business designing, "teaching" our do-it-yourself customers to complete their project, ordering materials and building our custom orders. Bob was active with the maintenance, building and bookkeeping aspects, aside from his careers in banking and insurance.

The do-it-yourself element meant that while staff cut all materials, our customers could spend an hour, a day, or several trips to accomplish their framing needs. Having our customers spend time enabled us to get to know each other so much better. Whatever time needed to design our customers' needs was also a priority. We prided ourselves with the philosophy that there was a way to frame whatever was brought in and we would accomplish the task; anything from a full-size American flag, antique dueling pistols, violins, and everything in between. Almost three decades of a business means that you got to know more than one generation of a family. Children loved the chance to build a frame as well as adults, and often, parents brought a child in to frame a gift for a family member or themselves. We enjoyed serving customers from Juno to Ft Lauderdale and as far away as Sugar Grove, IL.

Building a new business meant getting involved in the City. Before we opened the door, we joined the Chamber of Commerce, which at the time was located across the street. Meeting our business neighbors from all over town was important to introduce The Art of Framing. Long term friendships came from our Chamber contacts. In those early years of the shop, Bob and I both proudly served as Chamber Presidents. For quite a number of years, the City held an art festival known as GALA (Great American Love Affair). As the location was E Ocean Ave, The Art of Framing was happily right in the middle of the event having an exhibit on the sidewalk. The event drew thousands and was a wonderful way to introduce our artsy business to many.



The Art of Framing - Photo Courtesy V & R Foot



The Historian

Archivist's Corner by Georgen Charnes, Library Archivist, Boynton Beach City Library

<https://www.boynton-beach.org/city-library> (561) 742-6390 100 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach, FL 33435 charnesg@bbfl.us

Searching in the *Boynton Beach Star*

Back in April, I wrote about a donation we received of photographs used in the *Boynton Beach Star*, a newspaper published in Boynton Beach between 1961 and 1968 by **William Beck**. The photographs, most of which were created by photographer **Stan Sheets**, feature events, portraits, businesses, and clubs that illustrated articles and columns in the newspaper.

Having received these files of photographs with no information on each one, it's been my job to hunt through the newspaper for each image. Not only does the caption from the newspaper give us more information, a date, and often identifications of the people in the image, but it clarifies that the photograph is copyright free. Images published without a copyright notice (as is this newspaper) between 1927 and 1977 are legally in public domain. We also had some photographs already in our collection that certainly came from the *Boynton Beach Star*, and they're getting the same scrutiny.

So, whenever I have an odd bit of time or am on the public reference desk, I use the time to hunt for these images. However, just to make it more complicated, we don't have all the issues of the *Star*, so these might be photos that were published, but aren't available online, so I'm not sure they're discoverable! It's been an entertaining hunting adventure, and I invite the members of the Boynton Beach Historical Society to join in!

I've put images that I can't find in the *Boynton Beach Star* issues available online on our Flickr account, and once they are found, will delete them.

- Flickr account with photos needing identification can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yht9hfyx>
- *Boynton Beach Star* newspaper is here: <https://www.boynton-beach.org/library/archives-newspapers>

If you find any of the photos shown in the Flickr account in the newspaper, email me at charnesg@bbfl.us and include the full date of the newspaper issue with the number given on the photo. I'll look it up and record the information. These are stories that need to be told!

Here are a few that need publication dates found:



A0086-Fishing-020



A0086-Schools-010



A0086-Kids-020