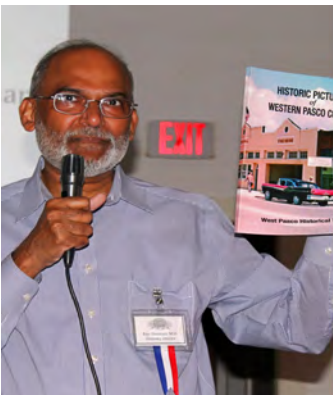


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Our September program was held in Peace Hall



Our Sept. 29 program, a Pasco County history presentation by Jeff Miller, was held in Peace Hall at 7 p.m. Normally our programs are in the museum at 1 p.m., but this experiment, which included a wine and cheese party at the end, was very successful. Dr. Rao Musunuru, a major benefactor of the historical society, presented us a check \$1,000 after the event and he also offered to buy the *Historic Pictures* book we publish for anyone in attendance. The extra printings of the book are in, so if you signed up, you can pick up your free copy at the museum.

Message from the WPHS President



By **BOB LANGFORD**

As the cooler temperatures arrive there is the feeling of fall in the air. The Holiday Season is upon us. Thanksgiving is just days away and so are our plans for the season at the Historical Society. As a reminder, we will be closed the weekend after Thanksgiving but will resume our regular hours/days after that on the 30th. As we kick off our Holidays at the museum we have the largest decorated Christmas tree in Sims Park. Be sure to bring the kids by for a photo by this beautiful tree. On the 8th we will have Santa on the Bandstand again this year so get ready!

If you didn't make it to the Wine and Cheese Celebration at Peace Hall and wonderful presentation from our Historian, Jeff Miller, you really missed a great time. Don't miss any more. Every month, throughout this year, there will be an event representing our history. We have retired educational administrators, Native American speakers, and our real live mermaid from Weeki Wachee we had in November, who has a passion to save the Florida Springs, will be coming back, among many more.

On another note, if you're not a life member your dues are due by the 1st of January. Beginning January we will be collecting a \$3 donation for admission to the museum from all adults who are not members. This is unfortunately due to the high cost of keeping the doors open. There will be no charge for children 12 and under accompanied by an adult. Students 13 and above will be free by presenting current school ID card. All members showing their current WPHS membership card will not be charged.

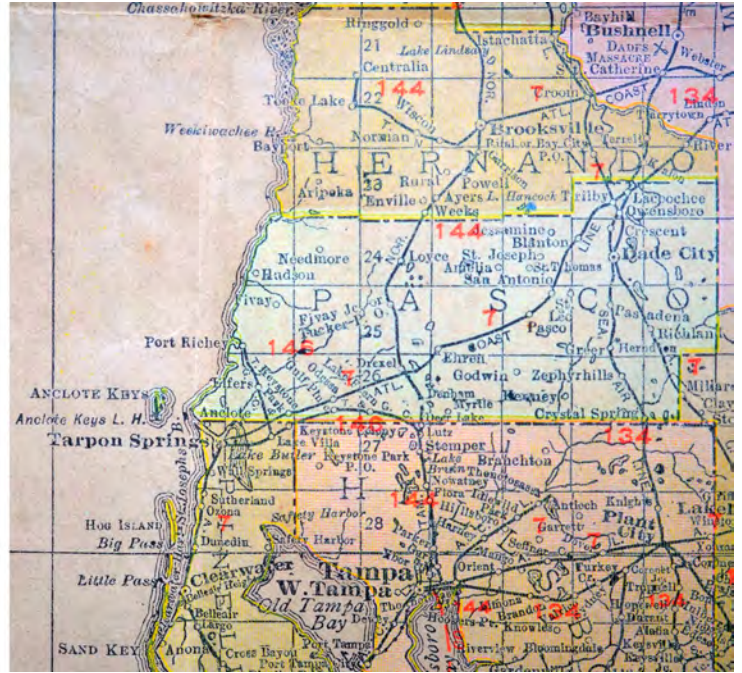
Our hours will remain the same. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4. Come see us and visit your history.

Mermaid at the museum



Our speaker on Nov. 3 was Rita King, who was a mermaid at Weeki Wachee Springs in the 1960s and is now a "Legendary Siren." She spoke about her time as a mermaid and her current interest, which is the environmental issues facing the Floridan Aquifer. She had a wonderful slide show with amazing underwater photos. Rita (McKenna) King attended Pierce Elementary and Gulf High schools. She was a New Port Richey employee of the U. S. Postal Service after her initial role as a Weeki Wachee mermaid.

Dr. Golub donates a 1914 Florida map to the museum



Dr. Burton M. Golub was a visitor to the museum on Oct. 19. He donated to us this original 1914 Rand McNally map of Florida. It was already framed and it is on display in our library. Detail from the map is shown on the right.

Dr. Golub was instrumental in creating an educational site in Starkey Wilderness Park on the site of the home and farm of James McNeill (1843-1922) and his family. McNeill was one of the earliest residents of western Pasco County. He was a veteran of the Civil War who arrived in what is now Pasco County by 1870. He taught at the Baillie school, which evolved into Elfers and Mittye P. Locke elementary schools.

Museum visitors



Steve Mattix, the historian of the Hudson VFD; Kathryn Starkey, county official, with Terry Kline.

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New books in our library

Favorite Foods From the Kitchen of Frances Fair Clark Mallett, compiled by Naomi Burney Valverde
Finding Florida, by T. D. Allman
Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams, by Gary R. Mormino
Miami - City of the Future, by T. D. Allman
Oh, Florida! by Craig Pittman
Tall Grass - Poems by John H. Durney, by John H. Durney

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