



**THE NORTH BREVARD  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

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**MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER**

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**Our Warmest Memories**

By Bill Baldwin

On February 5th, the Museum lost one of its biggest supporters to the misfortunes of health. Linda Hinkson has been a strong and effective Historical Society Director for six years. She was a major Museum donor, chairperson for the "Afternoon in the Park" BBQ and a house leader for the Historical Home Tour. A Memorial service is scheduled for March 25th at 4 pm (at the First United Methodist Church). In memory of Linda, the Board and the entire North Brevard Historical Society wish to express our deepest sympathy to her family and friends for their loss.



## Member meeting

By Bill Baldwin

At our February meeting, Reva Harris (Director of the North Brevard Mural Society) gave the members an insightful presentation of Florida's mural history, the Mural Society's approach to murals and a description of the how the Museum fits in the overall "Titusville" mural project.

At the March member meeting, Titusville Councilwoman **Martha Long** will give us her thoughts on growing up here and possibly giving us the scoop on City Council workings. Don't miss it.



## Pictures from the Past

By Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this lovely young lady whose picture was taken in 1961 in the THS Yearbook?



(Answer on page 3)



## Mural Q&A

By Bill Baldwin

For a little background, the North Brevard Mural Society has undertaken the task to transform North Brevard into a visual display of our heritage using murals. Endorsed by the city of Titusville, the Society is in process of selecting prominent locations (of which "our" wall is one of them) and contracting with owners for authorization. Professional artists will be and have been engaged to make this happen. As previously presented, Keith Goodson is our man and believe me, he is GOOD. The development process includes a sketch approval followed by a full color rendering depicting the actual mural in miniature. Basically, the whole mural concept is to beautify the city with its own identity and the Museum is a part of that.

Things to know about the Historical Society mural:

- Produced/directed by the North Brevard Mural Society (Luann Malark - chairperson; Reva Harris - Director)

- Estimated size of mural – 85' x 14'
- Costs – responsibility of the Mural Society
- Paints – must meet strict Mural Society requirements
- Durability – mural is coated to repel graffiti, dirt, etc.
- Repair/Maintenance – Mural Society's responsibility
- Life expectancy – unlimited, with maintenance
- Sponsorships – bronze plaque dedicated to major sponsors
- Why a mural? – a great draw for visitors (see Lake Placid, FL murals) plus the Museum should see a big increase in attendees.
- Artistry – same artist that painted *Kayaks by Bo* mural

At the end of February, the Museum Mural group has spent much time trying to define what they felt is historical scenes worthy of the wall. That plan, plus backup photos, was submitted to the Mural Society to be forwarded to the artist for review and costing. It looks like the final product might entail concessions by everybody (Mural Society, Museum and artist) to create a workable scene(s).

Sponsorship is probably the major method to underwrite the cost of the mural. Following a showing of the rendering, there is no doubt in my mind that most members (and non-members) will feel they want to be a part of that. In addition, a larger donation could get your name on a permanent bronze plaque that probably will be mounted near the mural. By themselves, the renderings will blow you away. Hopefully, the rendering will be available for viewing at the "Afternoon in the Park" BBQ. As stated previously, if you decide to make a donation, please make the check out to "North Brevard Historical Society"; plus, in the *memo* area, indicate if it is for the "Mural" or "THS Mural"(generally for THS grads who want their donation to be matched).



## My Mural Challenge

By Betty Mattingly

You can go back and read any of my newsletter articles and you will seldom, if ever, see that I use the word "P" (until now). Yes, as stated last month, I have proposed a match to raise funds for the mural *if* the old 1927 Titusville High School building would be included in the mural. My understanding now is that it will be included – SO – to keep my promise, I am prepared to underwrite a match UP TO \$2,500.00 for the mural if you will help me accomplish that goal.

I reviewed the membership list and there are approximately 70+ names that I recognize as having attended or graduated from THS. I thought if:

- 25 people would donate \$100 each, it would = \$2500
- OR 50 donate \$50 = \$2500
- OR 100 donate \$25 = \$2500
- (of course any amount is acceptable and appreciated)

All you would need to do would be to write a check, made out to: N.B. Historical Society and send to: PO Box 5265, Titusville, FL 32783 **and in the note section write “THS Mural”.**

**REMINDER**

Matter of fact, Richard Reinsch (a THS grad, now living in Georgia) has made the first donation. A check has been received from Kay Stewart for the Mural fund in memory of Kirk Stewart, her husband, who was the Basketball coach at THS for many years. A check has been received from Gwen Runge Kemp, THS class of 1961. I personally thank them for accepting the challenge and getting “The Match” started. (By the way, you don’t even need to have any affiliation with THS to take part in this endeavor.)

I just feel like it is exciting to see something grow that will help finance what will be a pictorial history on “our wall” because you were willing to be a part of it. So, let’s see if this works !! ☺



### **Afternoon in the Park and BBQ 2016**

*By Betty Mattingly*

In the January 2016 Newsletter there was a notice to the Committee chairmen for the **Afternoon in the Park and BBQ** in regard to the February 8<sup>th</sup> planning committee meeting. That meeting was held and each chairman gave a report that indicated everything is under control. One more planning meeting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> will insure everything is on “Go”. It is important to note that for any event you must have people who are willing, prepared, cooperative, good listeners, able to follow directions, and be able to produce results. We are so fortunate to have a committee with all these qualities. Next month, you will meet each chairman here, along with their selected group of assistants.

And, don’t forget, the proceeds from the **Afternoon in the Park and BBQ** are dedicated to the Historical Mural to be painted on our Museum building. Using the tickets you received in the mail will support this 23<sup>rd</sup> annual fundraiser. Please tell your friends and others that tickets are available at the Museum or at Fox Lake Park upon arrival at the large pavilion.



**Congratulations**

A well deserved \_\_\_\_\_ to **Debi Hartling** on becoming the newest member of the Board of Directors of the *North Brevard Historical Society!*

### **Just a note about renewals**

*By June Hodson*

Membership renewals were due January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have already renewed, we thank you. If you have not renewed, please do so as soon as possible or your name will be removed from the membership list soon. If your name is purged from the list, you will no longer receive our newsletters after that time. If you have any questions regarding your status, you can call me at the Museum or at (321) 341-8695.



### **Great Guest Comments!**

*By Leigh Lorence*

From Sanford we hear “Old resident doing some remembering of days past.” Melbourne “Love your Museum.” “Loved your display on old racing at TICO.” Patrick Air Force Base “Enjoyed talking to staff who are very knowledgeable and friendly.” And from our own lovely Titusville “This place is amazing and rich in history.” “I saw a lot of stuff that I once had.” I think that is the main motivation that brings people into the Museum. To remember the past, family, friends, things that used to be, and to share these memories with others. Volunteering at the Museum brings warm memories for me and also binds me closer to Titusville's history. This can only be possible because of your contributions. As always, thank you.



### **Social Media**

*By Judy Davis*

Check us out on Facebook and on our website below. If you wish to be added to any of our occasional e-mails, please contact us. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.

- Email: [titusvillemuseum@aol.com](mailto:titusvillemuseum@aol.com)
- “Like” us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NorthBrevardHistoricalMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/NorthBrevardHistoricalMuseum).
- Website: [www.nbbd.com/godo/history/](http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history/)





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## OR PRESENT OCCUPANT



*Pictures from the Past answer: Linda (Warren) Nolan.*



### Dates to Remember ~

- *March 7<sup>th</sup> BBQ Committee meeting* at 10 am at the Museum.
- *March 19<sup>th</sup> "2016 Afternoon in the Park" and BBQ* at Fox Lake Park from 11 am to 4 pm.
- *March 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting* at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- *March 28<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting* at 2:00 pm at Dixie Crossroads.
- *April 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ Committee follow-up meeting* at 10 am at the Museum
- *April 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting* at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- *April 25<sup>th</sup> Membership(dinner) meeting* at **5:30 pm** at Dixie Crossroads.

