



# THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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## JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

At the November Member Meeting, the members elected to try something new. Basically, the members (and later the Board) decided to change the Member meetings at Dixie Crossroads from monthly to **quarterly** with two luncheons and two dinner meetings as before.

Therefore, the following is a **2017 meeting schedule**:

- January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm for lunch
- April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for dinner
- September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm for lunch
- November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for dinner

Our hope is to make the meetings more pleasing and satisfy the stomach in the process.

The January speaker is Michael Homer, presently CEO/Director of Training for the Maritime Anti-Terrorism and Explosives Training Co., but worked extensively in law enforcement.



### Museum to get new History Books

by Bill Baldwin

The Museum recently ran out of the **History of North Brevard** books written by Dr. John T. Manning, with photos by Bob Hudson. This has been a very popular book (as well as being historically informative) with sales of 10 to 15

books per year. Dr. Pat Manning has honored the Museum by ordering 25+ additional books as a gift to the Museum. For that, we are extremely grateful. Thanks Pat!



### The Plane, The Plane ~ no “The Files”!

by Bill Baldwin

Secretly buried in the bowels of the Museum are files that cover a lot of topics related to the way our town grew up. Actually, they are not secret, but are available for our community to review or use. However, the maintenance of the files has become a little problematic. They are located in the back room file cabinets. These files have been reviewed and cataloged by Esther Vulpius, Susan Nelson, and others; but keeping the alphabetized files orderly is the responsibility of all Docents and users. The maintenance process is simple - **please, if you remove a manila folder, leave the hanging folder in the drawer, then return the manila folder to**

***the return tray on top of the file cabinets.*** The file workers will return it to the original hanging folder. This will help to ensure that the file is returned to its rightful place. So, please help us with this little bit of housekeeping.



## **To Our Volunteers**

*by June Hodson*

Please note that we have made changes. I am no longer your Volunteer coordinator. The new coordinator for all regular shifts, starting January 1, 2017 is Ginny Campbell. The telephone number is 268-1298. All changes in schedule should be referred to Ginny immediately. I hope you will give her the same cooperation you have given me. Thank you.

The second change is for Friday Night Live. Katie McQuade will be your coordinator for this event and any others when the Museum is open after regular hours. You can reach Katie at 268-1637. Anyone who wishes to help at any event can call Katie. We always need help for these activities, as our Museum is usually very busy.



## **Debi Hartling**

*by June Hodson*



*Debi Hartling*

We have lost a good friend. Debi Hartling passed away in the early morning of December 17, 2016. We will miss her. She walked in the door on a Spring day in 2014 and her smile lit up the room. I asked if she would volunteer and offered her a choice of three shifts. Her answer was "Yes". She gave freely of her time and greeted every guest with a smile. Anyone who met her will never forget her. She was elected to our Board of Directors, but illness soon took her and she was unable to attend many meetings. In spite of her illness, she wrote cards and e-mails to many of us, always keeping that smile in her voice. She never let the illness

take her away from the Museum. I talked to her husband, Ken, and he told me that the Museum was on her mind at all times. When I decided to write this, I asked some of those who worked with her for something special to remember. The first response I received was "She had a smile in her voice". Farewell, Debi. You will remain in our hearts.



## **Displays**

*by Amy Spillers*

Did you notice?? The old Panelrama has been moved back up front to room #2. Thanks to Dale Marion for tediously cleaning it and Bill Baldwin for moving it back to its rightful place. But wait there's more good news ~ We were in need of seating in front of the Panelrama and our talented Docent, Cash Register, built this beautiful bench for the Museum! Such craftsmanship! Now at least three people at a time can sit together and enjoy



looking through the panels.

Thank you everyone for being the awesome movers, shakers, and builders that you are!

Speaking of movers and shakers ~ our lovely Christmas elves, Margaret Vessels and Vickie Miller, were bustling around the Museum creating vintage Christmas memories for this year's Christmas window display. Boy, does it bring back memories of every boy and girl's expectations for Christmas morning!



I hope you got the chance to see their window display.



They are already getting giddy about the next window they would like to create. If you think you might like to try your creativity on a window display just get with me and we will make it happen! I usually change out the windows on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. So come on by and join in on the fun!



### Docent Spotlight

by Paul Marion

Did you know that Eastern Florida State College sets up tables to allow Non-Profit organizations, such as our own, the opportunity to reach out to College students in need of Community Service projects for classes? Because of this, a fine young man named Abraham Mullican's interest was piqued and that is how Abraham Mullican came to us here at NBHS. Thank You June Hodson and Barbara Batchelder for setting up that table!



Abraham Mullican

At the age of 15 years old, Abraham was dual enrolled in Home School and College and has been with us ever since. He says he has fallen in love with our Museum and has been overheard saying "If they built a fence around the building and put a restraining order against me, you might be able to keep me away from the Museum!" In May of 2015,

Abraham became a Museum member and a Docent. He is here every Friday from 12:30-3:00 pm sitting as a Docent and is always helping us in any way he can. He helped me install the new bookcases for our collection of School Annuals that he is standing next to in this picture. In addition to being handy he has recently taken up playing the guitar and is also volunteering at Eastern Florida State College. So if you haven't already met Abraham, please stop in and say Hello! We sure are glad he is here!



### Memorials

by Betty Mattingly

#### In memory of:

Bill Mattingly &  
Arliene Mattingly

Rodney Thompson

#### Donated by:

Betty Mattingly

Bill and Rachel Terry

Last month, Bill and Rachel Terry donated a very significant and substantial check to the Historical Society in honor of, and in memory of Rodney Thompson. A letter that accompanied their check stated: "As members of this community for more than 50 years, we know of no one that has made a bigger impact than Rodney Thompson. His legacy continues to live on because of his footprints and those of his daughter, Laurilee." We could not agree more, and thank Bill and Rachel for their generous donation. (Please contact me if **you** need information about how to make a memorial donation.)



### Afternoon in the Park and BBQ

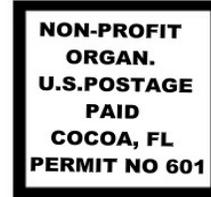
By Betty Mattingly

Our 24<sup>th</sup> annual "Afternoon in the Park and BBQ" is scheduled for Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Fox Lake Park. Because of concerns with the kitchen equipment at the Park, it was questionable as to whether or not the fund raiser would be held this year. The explanation about that would take up too much space, so suffice it to say, "We're on Go"! So planning and producing are essential and urgent because of getting a late start. Our first meeting to do that is scheduled for Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock pm at the Museum. All former chair persons and all other interested persons are invited. With everyone's help and support, we can pull it off like we have done 23 times before.





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## OR PRESENT OCCUPANT

### Dates to Remember

- *January 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting* at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- *January 16<sup>th</sup> BBQ Committee meeting* at 1:00 pm at the Museum.
- *January 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership meeting* **at 12:00 noon** at Dixie Crossroads for lunch and membership meeting.
- *February 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting* at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- *March 18<sup>th</sup> "24<sup>th</sup> Annual Afternoon in the Park" and BBQ* at Fox Lake Park from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- *March 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting* at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- *April 24<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting* **at 5:30 pm** at Dixie Crossroads for dinner and membership meeting.
- *May 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting* at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- *September 25<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting* **at 12:00 noon** at Dixie Crossroads for lunch and membership meeting.
- *November 27<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting* **at 5:30 pm** at Dixie Crossroads for dinner and membership meeting.

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.

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