

**THE**

# Historical Society of North Brevard

## *Message from the President*

**W**elcome to May - Summer is here in full swing and it seems to be getting warmer every day. There is much happening around the museum and during this month.

The orbiter Atlantis lifts off for her final mission on the 14th of this month. We have been again given the opportunity to park cars on Mr. Poe's lot for launch day, so if you can help, call me or Paul Marion. It is a fun time watching everyone.

The Valiant Air Command is hosting a free admission Memorial Day weekend for Brevard residents. So if you have not been there for a while, stop out. The VAC is getting ready to start on the new Vietnam era hanger, so we are excited to see it finished.

On the other side of Tico Airport, we are working on the C123 that represents Air America. If you are interested in working on a vintage warbird, let me know. We can put you to work with a great bunch of guys. The Air America story is a very interesting and little known part of our armed services.

We are happy to say we have a great speaker coming up. Ms. Marcia Gaedcke, President of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce will be talking to us on the 24th about the history of our Chamber as well as Chambers in general. I am sure it is going to be interesting.

If you are in the neighborhood, stop by our Chamber of Commerce and see the museum's new display there. You can also talk to the staff and learn just what the chamber does for all of its members.

I want to thank all the volunteers who are stepping up to fill in empty shifts as well as our regular volunteers. We really appreciate all that you are doing for us. If there is anything we can do to make the job easier or more fun, let us know. We are always open to suggestions.

One new concept we are discussing, is to move our monthly meetings from the library to Benton House on US 1 across from the cancer center. The room at the library is nice, but as we saw last month, the parking can be quite a challenge.

Your board of directors is mulling it over and if you have a strong opinion one way or the other, please let us know. The room at Benton House is large and the chairs are comfy. They are eager to partner with us. We are now on the tour stop schedule for the residents as well. They have a large van and take their residents on little field trips and we are going to host our first group this month.

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## May 2010

*Greetings From The  
Historical Society!!*



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*Stop in -  
We'd love to see you again.*

We will be taking the summer off from meetings and newsletters. We will resume our schedule in August for newsletters and September for meetings.

I always appreciate your comments about how great the museum looks or how interesting the newsletters are. They let me know that I am on the right track and serving both your and our visitors needs.

We have more copies of the book, "Spent Shells along the Atlantic" by Tom Long in stock, if you are interested in owning your own copy. It is a history of sorts of duck hunting along the eastern seaboard and we furnished a small bit of material to the author. I am hoping to convince Tom to come and visit us at one of our meetings as the guest speaker.

I would also like to start a list of interested people who would like to take a group tour out to the Cape Canaveral Light House this summer. I am working to secure an entire bus so we need to know how many of you would like to attend. We will start a sign up sheet at the museum and you can always email me.

If we have enough interest we can travel together and make a great trip out of it. I know I can't wait to get out there.

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"Historian: an unsuccessful novelist."  
~ H. L. Mencken

Well, I am going to wrap this column up for the month. Just a reminder, if someone visits the museum and you think they should talk to me or that I should meet them, please do not hesitate to call me. If I am available, I would be happy to stop in.

Again, thanks to all our volunteers and members who help make our museum a reality. See you soon.

*~ Historically yours,  
Edmund M. Kindle*

Hello again! I was invited to speak to two classes of fourth graders at South Lake Elementary School this month. I never thought they would stop asking questions. It was a fun experience.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out at the Afternoon in the Park this year. It was a great success. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on the 24th at 2pm.

*~ Joan Harper*

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## *Exciting News!*

*Do you have treasure hidden in your home?  
We bet you do and don't even know it!*

The historical museum is looking for old 8mm and 16mm film of Titusville and North Brevard. We have secured a person to help underwrite the cost of transferring your home movies of Titusville onto DVD's to be placed in the museum's archives.

What are we looking for? Almost anything filmed in our area.

- Launches • Parades • Demonstrations
- Cityscapes • Beaches • Buildings being moved
- Car shows • Anything interesting!

Anything that can be identified as Titusville or North Brevard is of interest. We will transfer it to DVD, make you a copy & return your original film. All at no cost to you!

We will also place some of the best online on our website.

We are counting on you to search out your hidden treasure and help us to preserve these images of our community. Old film deteriorates every day. Don't wait until it is too late to save yours.

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew."  
~ Abraham Lincoln



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***Welcome to our newest members***

Brad Downs

First Baptist Church,  
"Young at Heart" group.

I was invited to speak at the Young at Heart group at the First Baptist Church of Mims. I showed our slideshow of historical postcards and some of our vintage photos of Titusville. It was a great time and I really enjoyed myself. Sammy & Effie Hendricks were in attendance and Sammy even got to heckle me a bit. The lunch was great and I look forward to revisiting them soon.

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"It is the soothing thing about history that it does repeat itself."  
~ Gertrude Stein



Follow us on facebook and become a fan!

We are up to 79 fans of the museum on facebook. We had 81 visits to our page and 7 comments.

There is much out on the web to grab people's attention. Please tell people about our facebook page.

The Moonlight Drive-In fan page has 852 members in less than two weeks. We have had our page for over a year now.

This is an important tool to market the museum. Let's spread the word!

***Message from the Vice President***

Our speaker for the month will be Marcia Gaedcke, President of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce. Marcia will be speaking about the history of the Titusville Chamber and general chamber history. Titusville Public Library, May 24th at 2pm. Hope to see you all there.

Charlie and I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer and we will see you all when we return to our fall schedule.

~ *Helen Durian*

***A note from Barb...***

Dear Volunteers,

Your loyalty and dedication to the Historical Museum is very much appreciated! You are the heart of our Society.

To everyone who shows up every month, THANK YOU! If you haven't signed up for a two and a half hour shift, Please do.

More and more local folks are discovering our treasure trove of artifacts. People from all over the country have visited us as well as people from many foreign countries. It is such a pleasure to show them the museum and hear their comments.

Have you got some time on the first Friday morning of each month? Permanent volunteers are greatly needed in this time frame. Saturdays continue to be hard to fill. If more members don't step up to the plate, we may have to go to half days on Saturdays. Please think about it.

**The North Brevard Historical Society and Museum - be proud of it, be part of it.**

***New Donations***

*Orange Grove Smudge Pot*  
~ *Dennis Hepburn*

*100 Year old quilt*  
~ *Dottie Gordon*

*If I forget to list your donation, please let me know and I will be happy to correct the oversight.*

Nothing great in the world has every been accomplished without passion.  
~ G. W. F. Hegel

A man is but what he knoweth  
~ Francis Bacon

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***Memberships will start renewing this August. We hope you will continue to support your Historical Society.***

***Thank you***

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May 24, 1880 Florida's first telephone exchange opened today in Jacksonville. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company opened with 34 subscribers.

May 28, 1892 The Florida East Coast Railroad Company was incorporated today.

May 30, 1925 Indian River County, Florida's 65th county, was created today by the Florida Legislature. The county was named for the Indian River Lagoon, which flows through it. County Seat: Vero Beach

May 6, 1935 Unemployed Floridians and other similar Americans had much to rejoice about today as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt created the Works Progress Administration, a New Deal agency designed to give work to workers of all kinds, including teachers, writers, musicians, academics, artists and other who were "hard to employ."

May 5, 1965 The U.S. early Bird satellite, launched from Cape Canaveral, began broadcasting transmissions from Europe to North America today.

### Your Officers

President - Edmund M. Kindle  
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**Got a question?  
Ask us!**



**Got an idea?  
Let us know!**