



# THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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## NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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### President’s Message

*By Bill Baldwin*

Thank you (members) for having dinner with us at Dixie Crossroads on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Since only 41 people signed up to attend the dinner, I asked Dixie Crossroads to let us use the east room, which holds up to 60 people. However, as I watched the members enter and fill the room, I became extremely concerned, especially when I saw only a couple of empty seats. Therefore, I would again like to reiterate the fact that planning would be easier if you could call the Museum and add your name to the attendance sheet for those dinner meetings only.

Also, we really appreciated Laurilee Thompson’s presentation on *Birding and Tourism* at the September Member meeting - VERY INFORMATIVE.



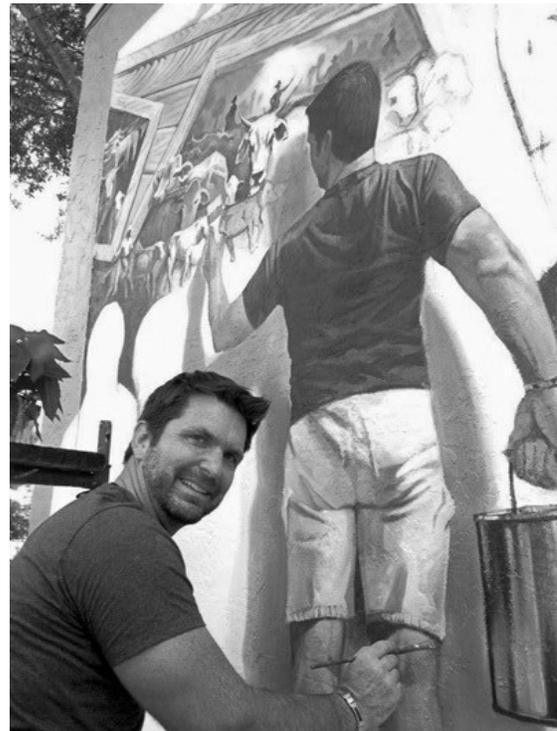
### Mural in the Making

*By Bill Baldwin*

Reva Harris, of the North Brevard Mural Society, met with the Board to review some additional planning ideas. It seems that one of the ways to underwrite some the financials would possibly be to allow some “old” Titusville families to help. For instance, the Board felt that an orange grove scene could depict a big part of Titusville’s history. So maybe an original grower’s family could be associated with the scene. The grower’s family name (not business advertisements) could be preserved on the mural for a nominal fee. Titusville and North Brevard’s history is full of similar scenarios. However, the object is to balance local history scenes with historic family

paintings. The Board and Mural Society will develop possible scenes (background for the mural), which will then be sent to the artist for rendering development and costing.

In case you haven’t heard, the artist will be Keith Goodson. If you would like to see some of his work, you can look him up on the internet at “[www.keithgoodson.com](http://www.keithgoodson.com)”, then select MURALS. His work is awesome.

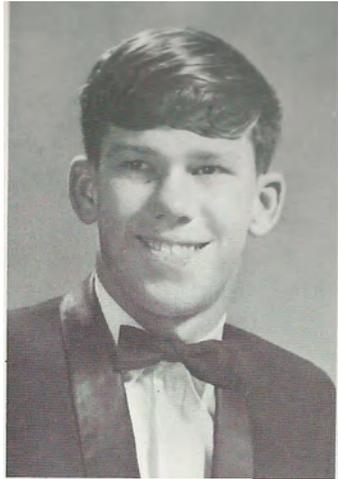


Keith Goodson

## Pictures from the Past

By Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this good looking young man whose high school graduation picture was taken in 1966? (Answer on page 4)



## History of *The Afternoon in the Park*

By Betty Mattingly

The “Afternoon in the Park” started as the major fundraiser for the North Brevard Historical Society and Museum in 1994 and for 22 years became a tradition. It began as an idea at a regular membership meeting from the members who were actively involved in decisions and activities at that time. An interactive discussion followed as to what kind of a fundraiser it should be and to put a name to the event. Finally, it was Bob Hudson who coined the title “Old Fashioned Afternoon in the Park” since our focus would be related to demonstrations and crafts with historical significance. Doug Futch and Judy Flake were chosen to be co-chairpersons while other members volunteered to do the work. Over the years the name has been shortened to “Afternoon in the Park”. The word “Barbecue” was added later on. Originally, the men gathered wood, cooked, cooked the meat staying up all night at Fox Lake Park. The women took care of locating the demonstrators, making baked goods, serving and doing many things that helped to make the event a success. For the past several years, someone was hired to do the cooking along with several of our members working with him and generally operating the kitchen. Dixie Crossroads has always donated the coleslaw and member Harry Bennett has donated and cooked the beans. Historical demonstrations and crafts have been eliminated because of the difficulty locating interested individuals to participate. The task in doing that is very time consuming and for the past few years, the amount of work involved has proved that it was

necessary to discontinue that part of the event.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Afternoon in the Park and Barbecue is in the planning stages with a very dedicated committee, each chairman doing his or her part recruiting members to help in providing another successful fundraiser on Saturday, March 19, 2016. More information will be included in your January, February and March newsletters.

## Volunteers Needed!!

by Amy Spillers

The Museum will be looking for Volunteers to digitize old documents into our computer. This is a much needed process to preserve our documents. If you think this is a way you can help us out, whether it be a few hours a week or a few hours a month, we would greatly appreciate your time. A one-time training class is all we ask you to attend, so that everyone is on the same page. Then the time and hours volunteered would be at your convenience. Please contact the Museum at 269-3658 and ask to have your name and phone number added to the Scan Class roster. Someone will contact you with the details of the one-time class.

## To the Volunteers

By June Hodson

We had a very good turnout for our October Friday Night Live street party. This was combined with the Art & Algorithms event which was very successful. Special thanks are due to our volunteers who helped at the Museum that evening.

It is time for our annual membership renewal. The renewal date is January 1, 2016. The renewal forms are included in this mailing. Everyone will receive a renewal form, whether you need to renew or not. Several of our members have prepaid, so if you are not sure, please call me at the Museum or at 321-431-8695, and I can check our records.

## Cracker Day and THS Class Reunion weekend

By Esther Vulpius

Thank you to the volunteers who baked cookies and who were on duty at the Museum on October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Cracker Day and THS Class Reunion weekend: *Linda Hinkson, Margaret Vessels, Leigh Lorence, Dolly Boggs, Kathy Alix, Joan Harper, Esther Vulpius, June Hodson, Katy McQuade and John Autry*. We had a good crowd who seemed to enjoy themselves as they reminisced over our artifacts, window displays (courtesy of *Amy Spillers*) and High School yearbooks.

## Items of Interest

By Paul Marion

We have recently received another item from the past. This is a hand cranked orange juice squeezer. It was donated by Jim Clark and is being displayed in the Citrus area at the Museum. It still works.



Fifteen years ago, I came into the Museum to see its **Panelrama** which was displayed for all to see. It was set up in the main room and included panels of pictures and information about all subjects and areas of North Brevard County. It was created by Bob Hudson with most of the pictures of Historic Homes, Mims, Churches, and many other topics taken from the Star Advocate. It sat taken apart and piled in the back research room for many years. We recently made room to re-assemble it for the docents and members to view. It is not ready for the general public as it needs cleaning. Frank Russell has agreed to clean it up for all to see. Thanks, Frank. It is a wonderful collection of pictures and history of the area done by Bob Hudson. Enjoy.



## Titusville's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

By June Hodson

I attended a meeting of the Steering Committee for Titusville's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We accomplished a lot at this meeting including: (a) the date for event will be the full week of March 20 thru March 26, 2017; (b) the kick off will be at the Pritchard House on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm; (c) picking the set-up committees for various responsibilities; and (d) to set up a tentative schedule for the week. As a representative of the North Brevard Historic Society, I was asked to present a few proposals to our Board. The Society is (1) being asked to repeat our

presentations of Pioneer Women and Pioneer Men; (2) the fire of 1895, including (if possible) information and pictures. (3) information and pictures of downtown businesses past and present. The next meeting was at the Pritchard House on October 29, 2015 at 9:30 am.

*Please note: The Museum Board will discuss these requests and determine how it will be handled.*



## October Memorial

By Betty Mattingly

### In Memory of

Mary Schuster

### Given by:

Joan B. Wright  
Coral Gables, FL



## Latest Cookbook Countdown

By Betty Mattingly

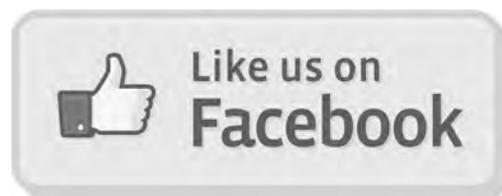
Susan Sherer of Styles Unlimited in Searstown Mall continues to be our "Cookbook lady" having now sold a total of 110 Cookbooks with proceeds going to the Museum. We thank her for her efforts and support. *(Please remember there is still a good supply at the Museum and do make very nice Christmas presents or bridal shower gifts or gifts for whatever reason.)*



## Social Media

By Judy Davis

Check us out on Facebook by going to this website: [www.facebook.com/NorthBrevardHistoricalMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/NorthBrevardHistoricalMuseum). Please visit our website at: [www.nbbd.com/godo/history/](http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history/). If you wish to be added to any of our occasional email postings, please contact us at [titusvillemuseum@aol.com](mailto:titusvillemuseum@aol.com). Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.



**Membership renewal ~ It's time to renew!!** Your membership helps the Museum by providing funds to operate. The Society and Museum receives no financial support from the City of Titusville, the County of Brevard or the State of Florida. Please renew your membership today and help us in our mission to continue to provide a place to preserve our local history for future generations. The Museum is a wonderful resource for our community and a valuable learning tool for our youth. Remember, the North Brevard Historical Society and Museum is a *501(c)3 Tax Exempt organization* and all donations are tax deductible. Don't wait! Renew or upgrade your membership today! Please fill out the application and return to the Museum. Please make your check payable to the: ***NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY*** (or "***NBHS***") and return in the envelope provided in this newsletter.



*Pictures from the Past answer: Clarence (Steve) Stephen Miller.*



### **Dates to Remember**

- ***November 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting*** at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- ***November 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership meeting*** at 2:00 pm at Dixie Crossroads; speaker from Parrish Medical Center.
- ***December 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting*** at 10:00 am (and members are welcome to attend). There will be **no membership meeting in December**.
- ***January 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting*** at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- ***January 25<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting*** at 2:00 pm at Dixie Crossroads.
- ***February 8<sup>th</sup> BBQ Committee meeting*** at 10 am at the Museum.
- ***February 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting*** at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- ***February 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership meeting*** at 2:00 pm at Dixie Crossroads.
- ***March 7<sup>th</sup> BBQ Committee meeting*** at 10 am at the Museum.
- ***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.
- ***March 19, 2016 "Afternoon in the Park" and BBQ*** at Fox Lake Park from 11 am to 4 pm.
- ***April 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ Committee follow-up meeting*** at 10 am at the Museum