

# THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

(Newsletter Editor – Judy Davis)

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| ** Museum closed on Thursdays ** |   |
| • April 15 <sup>th</sup>         | Board meeting at 10 am (Museum)   |
| • April 23 <sup>rd</sup>         | Member meeting on <b>TUESDAY</b> 4/23/19 at 5:30 pm (Dixie Crossroads)<br>**please make a reservation** |
| • May 20 <sup>th</sup>           | Board meeting at 10 am (Museum)   |



### President's Message

by Bill Baldwin

In April, we will have our second Membership Meeting for 2019 at Dixie Crossroads. This will be a 5:30 pm dinner meeting on **TUESDAY** April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If our planning comes to fruition, the “Docent of the Year” for 2019 will be announced. Hope to see you there. **\*\*Please make a reservation if you will be attending.\*\***

Just in case you have forgotten, the annual **Afternoon In the Park** event at Fox Lake has been moved to October.



### Spring Fling

by Amy Spillers

If you didn't make it to the Spring Fling on Saturday at Fox Lake Park, you missed a good time! An abundance of good food, friendships revisited, funny stories told, and a healthy dose of laughter and camaraderie from competition games of Corn Hole! You're a good sport Gwen! At the close of

day, hugs received, leftovers divided up, and comments made on how we should do this every month? Well, maybe next year? Don't miss out on all the fun again, see you in October at the Afternoon in the Park! Thank you Katie McQuade and Susan Nelson, my “Partners in Crime”! Couldn't have pulled it off without all your help! You're the best!



## Help Wanted!

by Bill Baldwin

With the resignation of Paul Marion a few months ago, the Board is seeking someone who would be willing to accept the position of Museum Facilities Manager. The duties are relatively simple since the position has no “hard” duties but might include some of the following: general condition walk-thru several times a month, attend the Board meetings (but this is not mandatory), keep an eye on the air conditioner/heaters and alert the Board if something needs to be done, and possibly assist others when Museum tasks are undertaken. Please let me know if you feel you can contribute your support for the maintenance of our facilities.



## Videos of Titusville

In last month’s newsletter, we wrote about videos covering the Museum and the Titusville area being produced by the Florida Channel (Tallahassee). All of them have been released and can be viewed using your computer or iPad.

Go to Google and type in: *The Florida Channel*  
Click on the *Video Library* selection  
Click on *Search*, located on the upper right of the screen  
Enter *Titusville* in the search area

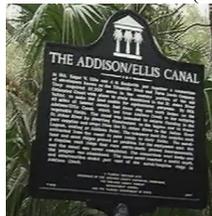
Four videos will be available for you to view:

- (1) *What’s in a Name: Titusville* (Museum promo covering Ti-



tusville)

- (2) *Historical Markers-Addison/Ellis Canal* (Museum promo



and Enchanted Forrest)

- (3) *Historical Markers-Titusville Vet. Memorial Fishing Pier*



- (4) *02/03/2012 Florida Crossroads-Florida Remembers: The Space Coast Region* (covers Brev. County, Harry T. Moore and the Windover digs)



HAPPY VIEWING!



## LaGrange Church and Cemetery

by Mike Knight

The LaGrange Church is a non-denominational church and is considered to be the mother of all churches from New Smyrna to Key West. The original meeting house was built of logs in 1869. On Sunday the people in the surrounding areas gathered there for worship. As the early settlers were not all of the same religion, the congregation was treated to religious beliefs from all denominations. The Sunday school was organized March 13, 1870. In 1872, the people grew tired of worshipping in a log house and built a two-story public building. The upper story was used both as a school house and for meetings. The lower floor was used for church gatherings. In 1893, the building was reconstructed and remodeled into the one-story church it is today. The second floor was removed and new material was placed over the old planking inside and out. The names of the settlers who donated their time for the building of this church are inscribed on one of the church’s stained-glass windows. The furnishings within the church are simple and plain. There are 17 hand-made hardwood benches with reversible backs, and a small pulpit sits on a foot-high platform. There is a double entrance at the front and a single door at the rear of the church. The LaGrange Cem-



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contains

the remains of many of the early settlers of Brevard County and Titusville including Colonel Titus.

- First non-denominational church between New Smyrna and Key West.
- Original building was a log cabin, built in 1869.
- First Sunday school was organized March 13, 1870.
- In 1872, the building was updated to a two story structure, with the upper floor being used for a school house and meetings. The lower floor was used for church gatherings.
- Latest configuration was built in 1893 using the second floor materials to remodel the first floor.
- Stained glass windows were donated by members to reflect family names.
- The 17 hand-made benches have reversible backs for meetings in front or back of the church.
- Access is gained by two front entrances and one rear entrance to the building.
- Many leading families from the area, including Colonel Henry Titus, are found in the accompanying cemetery.



## Downtown Corner

by Katie McQuade

The Downtown Titusville Merchants Association (“DTMA”) latest Friday night event was a “Mardi Party” on March 8. As usual, the museum was open after hours to accommodate the many revelers. It was a busy night! The next DTMA event, on April 12<sup>th</sup>, will have a Hurricane Prep theme to get us ready for another hurricane season.



The ever-popular Sea Turtle Festival, which previously has been held in June, is being moved to May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

and (hopefully) a lesser chance of being rained out. You may have noticed new artwork “wraps” on traffic signal boxes in the downtown area. The designs range from sea turtles to ospreys, and are a result of a partnership between the Community Redevelopment Agency, the Greater Titusville Renaissance, and the North Brevard Art League.



Construction is continuing on the old Walker Hotel across from the Museum. Office space may be ready in the old bank building as early as summer, but the apartments and retail space to the south require shoring up of load bearing walls, and won't be finished till next year. A new elevator shaft will be installed in the back of the building to provide easier access to the upper floors. This is quite a project, and the Museum has a front row seat!



The Southwest corner of Garden Street and Indian River Avenue may get a new look, courtesy of Mr. Oshri “Mosh” Gal of *O Wave, Inc.* He has proposed building a Beachwave retail store, a restaurant, and a second floor open-air tiki bar and observation deck. Another big change for downtown!

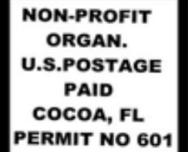


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### **Docent News**

*By Judy Davis*

A ***Museum Docent*** is a title given to persons who serve as guides and educators for the institutions they serve, on a voluntary basis. The English word itself is derived from the [Latin](#) word *docēns*, the present active participle of *docēre* (to teach, to lecture). Our Docents are also members of our wonderful Museum. We need your help! Please let us know as soon as you are ready to volunteer. The shifts are only 2½ hours at the Museum. We would love to have you. **Reminder:** Docents, remember to wear your **nametag** so our visiting guests will remember your smiling face.