

Gulfport Historian

March 2006

Meeting and Event Schedule 2005/2006

Sept. 13th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker 7:00 pm

Oct. 8th
Birthday Bash
at Museum
10 am - 3 pm

Nov. 8th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker 7:00 pm

Dec. 13th
General Meeting
Holiday Home Tour
7:00 pm

Jan. 10th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker 7:00 pm

Feb. 24th
Decade Celebration
1950s
"Birth of Rock n' Roll"
Casino

March 14th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker
Lynne Brown
7:00 pm

April 12th
Annual Meeting
Potluck Dinner
6:30 pm

LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Gulfport Historical Society is pleased to announce the opening our 2006 Scholarships. The Society will award two \$1,500 scholarships to local Gulfport residence. Requirements for application are:

1. Submit by April 15, 2006, a written essay of at least 250 words that explain your goals for attaining higher education.

2. **Must** be a Gulfport resident, currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education (must submit proof)

3. Appear before the Board of Directors of the Gulfport Historical Society to support the application, if requested to do so.

Application, proof of residency (water bill, Fla. ID, Drive License, etc), and proof of enrollment may be mailed to: Gulfport Historical Society, P. O. Box 5152, Gulfport, FL 33737 or hand delivered to the Museum. The decision of the Board of Directors is final, and all contributions will become the property of the Gulfport Historical Society. If you have any additional questions please contact Mary Atkinson at 343-4398 or 384-6776.

THE 1950s DECADE CELEBRATION WAS A MAJOR HIT

Everyone says they had a great time at our annual decade celebration of the 1950s. There were a lot of "Elvis" wantabees and poodle skirts. The cutest perhaps was our own Little Elizabeth Brown-Worthington in her pink poodle skirt, saddle shoes and pony tail doing the hula hoop demonstration. Special thank you's go to Dollie Tickell of Act 1 Promotions, Jim Cartwright, the "car hops" and all the members of the Board who gave their time and efforts to this great event.

The assembled guest voted to do the 1960s next year and the 1920s the following year. So start digging up those sixties memories and clothes.

MARCH 14th MEETING

The speaker for our March meeting will be **Lynne Brown** telling about some of the fascinating history she has discovered in her many hours of research into Gulfport's past. Remember, Volume I of **"Gulfport, A Definitive History"** by Lynne is on sale at the Gulfport Historical Museum for \$21.00 to members and \$25.00 to non-members (regular retail is \$26.99). We also have, Lynne's first book, **Images of America GULFPORT** which is available for \$15.00.

APRIL ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

Our annual meeting and potluck dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, starting at 6:30 pm under the old oak tree. The Society will provide place set ups and drinks. Election of the five member Board of Directors will be held at this meeting. **Please bring covered dish to pass, thank you.**

**Gulfport Historical Society
and
Museum**

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Archivist Mary Stull
News Letter Judy Ryerson

**Museum Hours
of Operation
Monday - Friday
2 pm - 4 pm
Saturday
10 am - 12 Noon**

PINK FLAMINGO HOUSE TOUR

On Saturday, March 25th the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce along with The City of Gulfport and The Gulfport Historical Society will hold the 3rd Annual Flamingo House Tour starting from the Museum. This years theme is the old fishing village and they have 18 properties on the list including the original Methodist Church, which now houses the Gulfport Historical Museum. Please contact the Chamber if you are interested in being a house sitter that day.

REVISED PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE

We have recently revised the Museums pamphlet which includes a tour map of "old Gulfport" and had it reprinted. There is now a color photo of the Museum, taken by John Milford, showing the cupola and patio on the front. Please pick some up at the museum to hand out at your place of business.

2006 CALENDARS STILL ON SALE

In keeping with our 1950s theme, the 2006 calendar has pictures from Gulfport during that decade. As always, the calendar list many of the important events going on in town each month and the listing for the clubs, organizations and churches in Gulfport. Not to mention the City's pages that gives the Sanitation schedule for the entire year and important City phone numbers. Calendars are still only \$3.00. We also have Historical Society tee shirts for \$10.00 and coffee mugs for \$4.00 on sale at the Museum.

ARE YOUR DUES UP TO DATE?

If you look at the mailing label, the numbers under your name indicate that last time you paid your dues. The first number is the year and second number is the month i.e. 00/4 reads 2000/April. With the increased cost of printing and mailing, each newsletter now cost \$94.00 to sent out! Your dues help cover this expense. We really do not want to delete anyone from the mailing list, but will need to start purging if dues are not up to date. Dues can be mailed to Gulfport Historical Society, P. O. Box 5152, Gulfport, FL 33737 THANK YOU for your support!

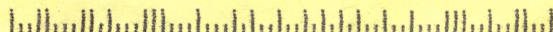
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