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EXPANDED MUSEUM HOURS

Monday thru
Friday
2 pm to 4 pm
Saturdays
10 am - 12 noon.

First Friday
evening monthly
for Gallery Walk
6 pm - 9 pm

MUSEUM PROGRESS

As of March 21st we have a brand new MUSEUM! If you have not been in, you must stop by. The interior has been returned to the original church configuration. This includes new yellow stain glass in all the windows. The beautiful 16 foot high vaulted ceiling, beadboard wainscoting and new flooring complete the restoration.

All the displays have been returned and redesigned. We now have a front and center case with special monthly displays. As of this writing we are showcasing our collection of fascinating antique typewriters and office equipment. Next month the display will be a miniature village and train layout.

Every day more and more is being accomplished. We are well on our way to being the best little museum in Pinellas County.

VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

How fortunate we are to have as a member and Museum Volunteer the one and only Lum Atkinson. Week after week during the restoring of the Museum, he has given his time and energy to make our Museum a better place.

No matter what is asked of him, Lum repairs, constructs and alters to fill the bill.

His only request is that he be permitted to do all these things at his own pace and in his own way. Sounds more than reasonable to the rest of us.

"We couldn't exist in this Museum without him," says Museum Director Lynne Brown.

Thank you, Lum, for your care and generosity. You are the best!

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 10th: General Meeting. Guest speaker, Dan Hughes, Project Archeologist for the Archeological Survey now being conducted in Gulfport. Refreshments served.

Dec. 8th: General Meeting featuring "4 In Accord" a group from the Society for Preservation of Barber Shop Quartets plus holiday food and fun.

Jan. 12th: General Meeting. Guest speaker/slide show from the "Empires of Mystery" exhibit at the Florida International Museum. Refreshments served.

Feb. 9th: General Meeting. Program to be announced.

Feb. 12th: "Sentimental Journey" (formerly the Lantern Tour) will be held on Saturday during the day.

March 13th: NOSTALGIA DAY!

April 13th: Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner.

THE MEMORY TREE

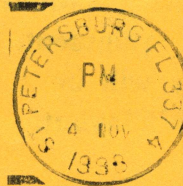
Order your "Memory Tree" leaves (\$50) and oranges (\$100) today to ensure that the names of your loved ones will be passed on to future generations.

The "Memory Tree" will be a **life size**, three dimensional Florida orange tree with engraved metal leaves and oranges on display within the planned new addition to the Museum.

1999 CALENDARS

Have you gotten your 1999 11th Anniversary edition of the Historical Calendar yet? You can purchase yours for only \$3.00 at any of the following sponsoring establishments: Gulfport Gabber, Vegetable Kingdom, Small Adventures Bookshop, Gulfport Hardware, Bay Breeze Beauty Salon, Mansfield's Restaurant, Backfin Blue Restaurant, The Apothecary, Gulfport Memorial Funeral Home, Gulfport Library, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and of course at the Museum. Remember, the sale of the Calendar is 60% of the operating budget for the Museum!!

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