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NOSTALGIA DAY

Put it on your calendar now: Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in and around the Museum. (Or better yet, buy a calendar – the date is already marked.) Nostalgia Day is one of the BIG days for the Historical Society, and the biggest fundraiser of the year. This year will be no exception, and the day is shaping up to be one of the best ever. Here's a list of some of the interesting things planned:

- Spring Art Festival for kids, put on by the staff of the Recreation Center;
- Boca Ciega High School Jazz Band (11 a.m. to 12 noon);
- Pets on Parade, starting at 10 a.m. The entry fee is a can of pet food for the SPCA;
- Working dog demonstrations, including seeing eye dogs and helper dogs, also at 10 a.m.;
- A representative from Adopt a Greyhound, at 10 a.m.;
- A Gulfport version of Antique Road Show (1 to 3 p.m.). You can bring up to three items to be evaluated (including paintings and material). The fee is \$1 per item;
- Demonstration of some of the "mystery" items that have appeared in *The Gabber* (11 a.m. and 1 p.m.);
- The Gulfport Trolley (tours of Old Gulfport all day);
- The Fire Department's antique fire truck;
- Quilts on display all day in Scout Hall, and music in Scout Hall in the afternoon;
- Food for sale – hot dogs and chili dogs, pizza (Police Explorers), soft drinks (Fire Explorers), and free coffee and cake (courtesy of the City of Gulfport, co-sponsor of the event).

Volunteers are needed, as always. If you can help with Nostalgia Day, call Mary Atkinson during the day at 321-2121.

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Tuesday, April 11 – potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., outside under the oak tree (the food will be set up inside) and annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. All you need to bring is a favorite dish to share (and don't forget serving utensils). The Historical Society will furnish set-ups and drinks, and award door prizes. A Board of Directors for the next two years will be elected during the business meeting, and annual dues will be due, all making it an important meeting to attend. Hope to see you there.

MEETING CALENDAR

January 11, 2000
Museum, 7:30 p.m.

February 8, 2000
Museum, 7:30 p.m.

March 25, 2000
Nostalgia Day
Museum Grounds
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 11, 2000
Annual Meeting/Potluck
Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Summer Break

September 12, 2000
Museum, 7:30 p.m.

October 14, 2000
Birthday Bash
Museum Grounds
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 14, 2000
Museum, 7:30 p.m.

December 12, 2000
Christmas Party
Museum, 7:30 p.m.

Interesting fact: 20 of the 33 signatories of the call for Gulfport incorporation in 1910 were related to each other.

MUSEUM NEWS

The Acquisitions Committee met in early February and accepted nearly 40 items. Here's a partial list:

- Tablecloth (from John Ball);
- Newspapers, a book, a money clip (from Roberta Fenner);
- Maps, including 1880's railroad map (from Keith Hickman);
- Pill maker, replica (from Jo Arras);
- Photos, ballots, letterhead (from City of Gulfport);
- Basket, graters (from Alice Klamer);
- Porcelain toothpick holder, pocket knife collection, Egyptian beads, Korean War Good Conduct Metal, framed crocheted piece, letter opener and check embosser (from Jim Dance)
- Ration books (from Edna Sandor);
- Firecracker fan, carpet bag, business ledger, fire pail, truck (from Nathaniel Hynson);
- Social Security information booklets (from Barbara Purtee);
- Air Force parade nightstick (from Priscilla Hoon).

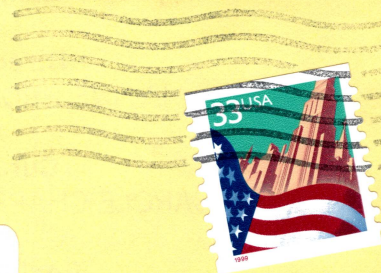
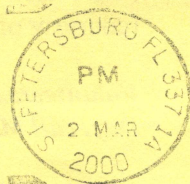
Nostalgia for Nostalgia Day: For Nostalgia Day and the rest of the month, the front display case in the Museum will feature items and photos from Nostalgia Days past.

This is the second of four issues of this newsletter planned for the year. The reason it comes so close to the first issue? The first one was a month late (it's hard to launch a new project during the holidays). The planned cycle is January-March-September-November, with no issue during the summer break. Remember, however, that the Museum is open all summer, regular hours.

Have a great Nostalgia Day, and don't forget the annual meeting on April 11th.

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