

GULFPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE JOLLY TROLLEY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Holiday fun filled the air on a cool Friday night in December when a group of Gulfport folks met at the Museum to take a trolley tour of the town's Christmas lights.



Holly Berry, also known as Deborah Frethem, kept the tour goers entertained with her charming stories.

And Gail Biron led the lively group in singing carols.



Priscilla and Miki dished up treats made by board members.

Which were thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd of visitors.



This month's header is from a 1959 letterhead.



Rue with an ancient Universal toaster

MEET RUE WILSON, THE MUSEUM'S NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

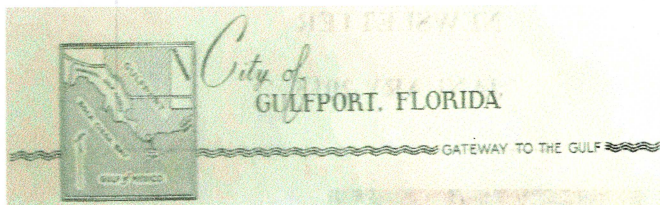
We are incredibly fortunate to have the services of a volunteer curatorial assistant, who is working every day to complete an inventory of the Museum. She is currently researching the dozens of items in the kitchen, finding their history and preparing informative labels. In addition, Rue is always available to help visitors with their questions, having mastered all our computer data bases.

What did we every do without her?

AND GEORGE!

Stetson University law student George Pavlidakey, Jr., has been assisting us, too, volunteering every day during the school break to organize the inventory files.



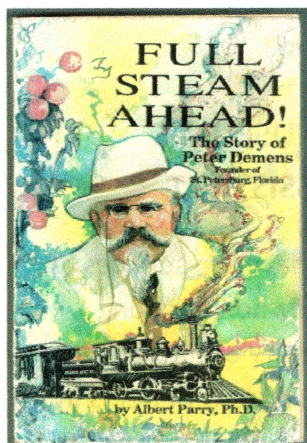


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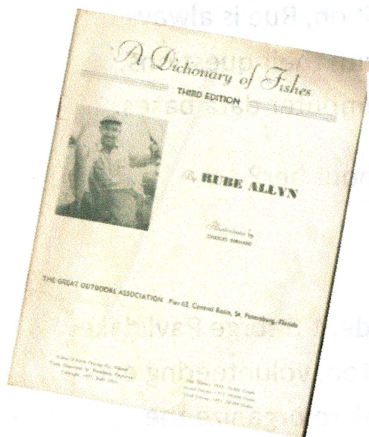
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NEW FLORIDA BOOKS in our library



The story of the man who built the Orange Belt Railway and named St. Petersburg.

Donated by Bev Newcomb.



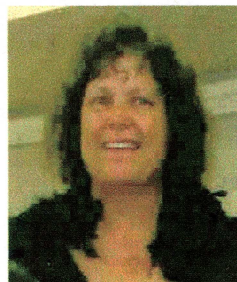
A wonderful collection of books on Florida's marine life.
Donated by Priscilla Hoon.

And check out our new display of Florida nature books. All you ever wanted to know about birds, fish, alligators, and shells!

THE GULFPORT HISTORICAL CALENDAR

If you didn't get one for Christmas, it's not too late! The official city calendar has dates of all important meetings and events, as well as a collection of fascinating pictures of Gulfport businesses from years past. **Just \$5.00**

MUSEUM TREASURER JOINS CITY COUNCIL



Christine Brown has kept the Museum's business affairs in order for 15 years. In March she will become the fifth member of our Board of Directors to serve on Gulfport's City Council, following Lynne Brown, Mary Stull, Bob Worthington, and the late Judy Ryerson.



Did you see the January issue of the Island Reporter? There is a wonderful spread on the Museum, written by Sally Yoder. Pick up a copy and read all about us.

A Word from our President

Because there will no longer be boxes at the Gulfport post office, the Museum mail should now be directed to City Hall. Our new address is 2401 53rd Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707 Miki