



Happy January

Hope to see you soon.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, now is the time to do so. Your membership supports our programming and mission.

Reflections of Manatee Presents :

Rancho Connections - Cuban Fishing Ranchos in Florida

January 16th, 1:00pm
1302 4th Avenue East, Bradenton
(in-person event outside under a tent)

**POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER
NEW DATE: JANUARY 30TH**



Jeff Moates:

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Grant Announcements

Reflections is pleased to announce it was the recipient of a grant award from the Parker/Bishop Foundation, which will provide for reroofing our two 1860s houses with new cedar shake roofs.

Reflections also announces receiving American Rescue Plan 2021 funding through the Florida Humanities Council. This grant will help with operating expenses as we work to recover our visitation numbers and event capacity while still dealing with the ongoing pandemic.

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Opening Hours

Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays

Open Fridays 10 -1

Tours at other times available by appointment.

Given possible impacts of the ongoing COVID pandemic, we recommend you call before visiting.

Masks are required when inside the buildings. 941-779-4480

Lectures Under the Tent

All lectures will be held at Reflections of Manatee, outside under a tent.

Note that January's lecture is rescheduled to the 30th.

The Cosmopolitan Frontier: Cuban Fisherfolk, Freedom Seekers, Seminoles, and Women in Florida



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February 27th, 1:00pm:

Dr. Uzi Baram: Life in the Shadow of Slavery: Freedom Found by the Manatee River

No one wants to be enslaved and Spanish La Florida offered a haven of freedom. Archaeological excavations have revealed facets of daily life for the maroons of the freedom-seeking community known as Angola by the Manatee Mineral Spring between the 1770s and 1821. Uzi Baram, lead archaeologist, will share the insights from 15 years of research and January 2020 excavations and follow-up laboratory analysis.



March 19th

Dr. Peggy MacDonald: Florida's Female Pioneers

Dr. Esther Hill Hawks, a female physician, ran the first racially integrated free school in Florida (and probably the nation) after the Civil War. Harriet Beecher Stowe kick-started Florida's tourism industry with her 1873 book, Palmetto Leaves. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, the first in her family to be born into freedom, became one of the first female college presidents in the world. Betty Mae Tiger Jumper was the first elected female tribal chair of any American Indian tribe in the nation. Dr. Peggy Macdonald examines these women and others who have shaped the Sunshine State.



April 9th

Dave Scheidecker: The Privilege of Remaining

Within the Seminole War were two long periods of cease-fire, long enough that Americans saw it as three wars. For the Seminole people in Florida the War was an ever present threat coloring the way they lived, and the way they interacted with the American settlers during this time of peace. Attempts were made to broker peace, trade, and even friendship during this time, showed that the return to open war was not inevitable, and why other interests ensured the end of the peace.

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Membership Benefits

Support Reflections' mission with your membership

Membership renewals are due January 1st.

If you aren't a member of Reflections, please join now to support our mission, museums, and programming. Memberships also make great gifts for family, friends, or students.

Benefits of membership include:

- Discount for attending special events (coming up this spring)
- Invitation to participate in our General Meeting
- Volunteer to be nominated for the Board of Directors

Dues are currently \$15 a year. There are three ways to pay:

1. MAIL a check to the address at the bottom of this newsletter.
2. ONLINE - Use a credit card to pay by PayPal on our website (scroll all the way to the bottom of the home page). www.reflectionsofmanatee.org
3. IN PERSON - Bring your payment to our December 4th event.

Whew! That's everything for now! Have a great month.
We hope to see or hear from you soon!

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