



Happy Spring from Reflections of Manatee

We Hope to See You Soon

February was a busy month with Reflections hosting the discussion "From Angola to Today: A Conversation on History, Race and Social Justice in Manatee County". A bit about this program and a link to a video recording of it is below. We also hosted Dr. Uzi Baram to speak on "Life in the Shadow of Slavery: Freedom Found by the Manatee River" as part of our FHC lecture series. Both events were very well attended.

Saturday, March 19th brings Dr. Peggy MacDonald to speak on pioneering women in Florida's history (flyer below). Then we have a **planting day on March 26th** (info below), thanks to a grant from the Florida Native Plant Society. And mark your calendars to come out **Saturday, April 23 in honor of Earth Day**, when we will be the fun-filled center of a neighborhood clean-up event co-sponsored by Keep Manatee Beautiful and the Bradenton CRA.

Saturday, March 19th, 1:00pm

Lecture under the Tent



REFLECTIONS OF MANATEE 2022 LECTURE SERIES

FLORIDA'S FEMALE PIONEERS



WITH DR. PEGGY MACDONALD

Saturday, March 19 | 1:00 PM | Reflections Museum



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. As a native Floridian, public historian, adjunct professor at Stetson University and Indian River State College, and alumna of University of Florida, Dr. MacDonald is well versed in American history.

FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM WAS PROVIDED THROUGH A GRANT FROM FLORIDA HUMANITIES WITH FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES. ANY VIEWS, FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS PROGRAM DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THOSE OF FLORIDA HUMANITIES OR THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES.





Lauren David, a student at New College of Florida, is interning with Reflections with a focus on museum studies and digital archiving. She is bringing a lot of enthusiasm to the job and will be helping us revamp our social media and website presence. Thanks go to New College who sponsors this paid internship program with funding through an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant.

March 26th, 9:00am - Garden volunteers wanted

A new garden, oh my! The grounds around the Visitors Center are being prepared and covered in cardboard to be ready for our new landscaping plan. Thanks to a grant from the Florida Native Plant Society, plants have been ordered from Sweetbay Nursery.

The natives we'll be planting are Buttonsage, Lantana, Muhly Grass, Starry Rosin, Blanket Flower, Dense Blazing Star, Dune Sunflower, Yaupon Holly, Cutleaf Coneflower, Stokes Aster, and Beauty Berry. They'll be joined by Louis Philippe climbing roses.

Can you help? Email jeanlammie@outlook.com for more info or to sign up. We'll have some tools, but if you have your own to bring, all the better.

February Highlights

"History cannot be burned, buried, or banned... If we don't have an 'our history' we can't have an 'our future'..." - Reverend James Golden

"Truth telling must never stop... History is brutal - both Blacks and Whites need to know it and recover from it." - Jacqueline Hubbard

"We have a shared history, whatever our stakeholder position is."
- Dr. Julie Armstrong

"History can be used as a tool. Young people need role models to see how people thrive."
- Louis Parker



Last month, Reflections held a discussion "From Angola to Today: A Conversation on History, Race and Social Justice in Manatee County" bringing together an impressive panel of scholar/activists for a tough, but inspirational, discussion. Thanks go to Manatee Educational Television for filming the event and making this 90-minute video. Dr. Uzi Baram co-moderated with ABC's Renee Gilmore. Dr. Julie Armstrong (USF St. Pete), Jacqueline Hubbard (President, St. Petersburg branch, Association for the Study of African American Life and History) Louis Parker (Founder and CEO of Visible Men Academy), and the Rev. James Golden offered information, insight, and inspiration on the question of how history matters in the present. Reflections'

president, Sherry Robinson Svekis, provided context for the discussion and summed up the common threads and a commitment by Reflections to continue to facilitate these discussions. Thanks to Florida Humanities for funding. The link for the full video on METV's YouTube channel is <https://youtu.be/YDjw27OggSw>



February 27, 2022: Reflections Executive Director Jean Lammie, Lee Leblanc, Councilman Bill Sanders, lecturer Dr. Uzi Baram, and Reflections President Sherry Svekis gathered for the lecture presentation of *"Life in the Shadow of Slavery: Freedom Found by the Manatee River"*.

Spring Lecture Series

Each lecture will be held at Reflections of Manatee, outside under a tent, at 1:00pm on the designated date.

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



January 16th, 1:00pm:

Jeff Moates: Rancho Connections – Cuban Fishing Ranchos in Florida

As commercial fleets hailing from ports in Cuba took benefit of fisheries north of the Florida Straits, colonial and territorial frontier politics influenced their operations. Known as Cuban Fishing Ranchos, these places have left an indelible mark on the landscape of Southern Gulf Coast Florida and continue to offer insights of a complicated history. Join us to discuss their operations and contemplate where connections remain.



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.

Funding for this program was provided through a grant from Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of Florida Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Please Join Now

A \$15 membership supports Reflections' mission

Memberships are accepted at any time and renew on 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
- Invitation to participate in our General Meeting and Board Elections (January)
- 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 one of our events.

Reflections of Manatee

1302 4th Avenue East

Bradenton, FL 34208

www.reflectionsofmanatee.org



Under the State of Florida Solicitations of Contributions Act, Reflections of Manatee holds license CH12577. A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE: REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352)

WWW.FLORIDACONSUMERHELP.COM

Copyright © 2022 Reflections of Manatee, All rights reserved.