REFLECTIONS OF MANATEE JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Message from the Executive Director

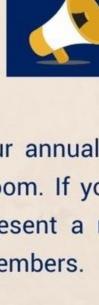
Happy New Year!!! Time sure flies when you're having fun. After a busy Fall of events and talks, we took a couple weeks off to spend time with our families and get ready for an exciting spring season. We have a ton of events coming up, read on for more details. Volunteer and costumed interpreter Crystal Kopp will be joining our staff in January as the new Museum Curator. Stop in and say hi, check out our new plans and upcoming events, and renew your membership. We are open from 10am-3pm Thursday-Saturday.



New Year's Day 2024

On New Year's Day we lit our first bonfire in the fire pit and enjoyed a relaxing day with friends, family, members, and volunteers.

Everyone brought delicious food to share, we told great stories, and learned a few new things about happenings in Manatee County.



HEAR YE! GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH!



Our annual general meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2024 at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom. If you are a current member you will receive a link via email - keep an eye out. We will present a review of 2023, introduce our plans for 2024, and most important vote for board members.

If you would like to participate in the voting process, please make sure your due are up to date. If you aren't sure, please feel free to contact us.

PRING LINEUP

Reflections of Manatee Historic Complex Spring 2024

January

1st Members and Friends potluck, free 11th Book Talk with Andrea Kneis, 6:30PM-8:00PM 19th, Star Gazing with Suncoast Stargazers, after dark

February

10th Galentine's Fashion Show "They Wore What?!", Tickets on Eventbrite
17th History Talk with Robert Redd, 1PM-3PM, Free event

March

9 History Walk, Begins at 10:30AM at the spring, free event 23 Preservation Workshop, AM, Stay tuned for details

Spring TBD

Pioneer Field Day - co-sponsored with Realize Bradenton,

NEW!

Angola Drum Circle at Mineral Spring Park

2nd and 4th Saturdays

January-May 4PM-6:30PM

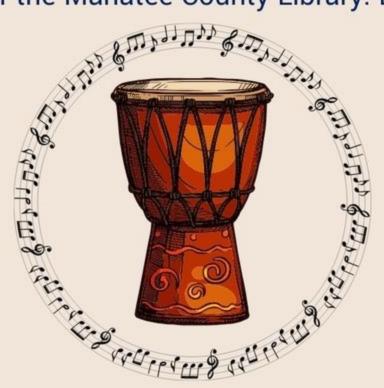
Spring Line Up 2024

Local historian Andrea Kneis will be joining us January 11th to discuss the process of writing historical fiction. Vigiliance is a delightful read of the story of Sheriff Watson and a crime ring in Manatee County! Light refreshments will be served. Event will be inside.

Stargazers Society is graciously setting up their telescopes at Reflections of Manatee on January 19th. Bring your curiosity and questions and join us for views of Jupiter, the Moon, stars, and nebula. Hot chocolate and coffee will be available. This is an outdoor event at night. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a flashlight.

Robert Redd will be joining us on February 17th us to discuss his work <u>The Hidden History of Civil War Florida</u>. Come learn something new about this era of Manatee County and Florida's past. Reflections will also be unveiling the second part of our exhibit "The Civil War in Manatee County".

Reflections of Manatee is pleased to announce the creation of a new drumming circle at the Mineral Spring Park. The circle will meet on 2nd and 4th Saturdays January-May. No experience needed, just positive energy. Bring your drums and shakers and come make some music with us. Drums can be checked out from the Downtown branch of the Manatee County Library. Dancers also welcome.





On December 27, 1884 an infamous murder was committed in Sarasota, Florida. The sensational story was covered in newspapers across the country and gave unwanted notoriety to the small fishing town.

After finding multiple versions of the story, local historian Andrea Knies started digging into the primary sources. Reading the handwritten court documents was just the beginning of an exciting adventure that included archives, cemeteries, and historic locations. This experience inspired Andrea to write, *Vigilance: A Story of Sheriff Watson*, as an accessible way to share the story with the local community.

Meet Author Andrea Knies as she joins us to talk about the process of writing this piece of historical fiction.

THURSDAY

JANUARY 11, 2024

6:30-8:00 PM

1302 4 TH AVE EAST

BRADENTON, FL 34208

PEFLECTIONS OF MANATEE & SUNCOAST STARGAZERS

A Night Under the Stars

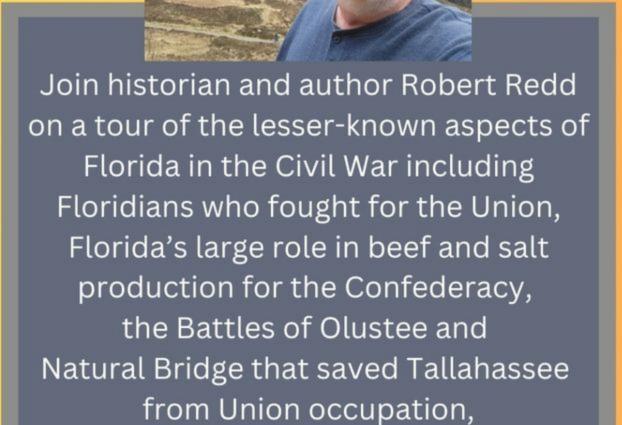
Join our friends from Suncoast Stargazers as they bring out their telescopes to help us explore the night sky.

Views of Jupiter, the Moon,

star clusters, and nebula await you!

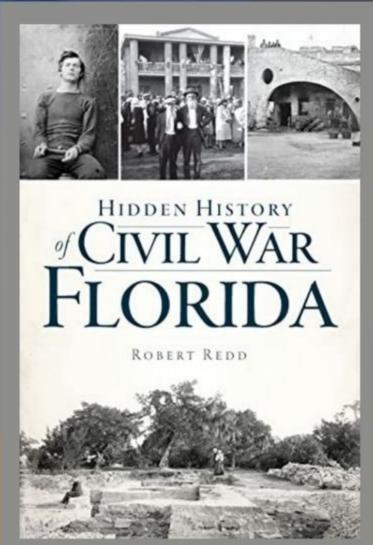
Friday
January 19, 2024
6:00-9:00 pm
at
Reflections of Manatee
1302 4th Ave. E
Bradenton, FL 34208





and the United State's Colored Troops

mission in Manatee County.



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2024
1:00-3:00 PM
1305 4TH AVE EAST
BRADENTON, FL 34208

www.reflectionsofmanatee.org





"Funding for the lecture was provided through a grant from the 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."