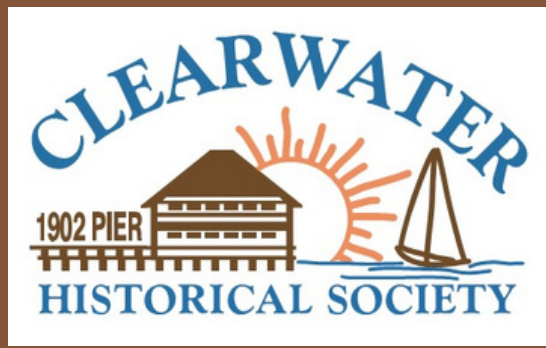




Museum Hours
Friday & Saturday
10 am -2 pm



Fall 2022 Newsletter

A Museum Full of History

The Museum exhibit team is busy preparing for holiday festivities and new exhibits for the south main floor exhibit area. December 1st welcomes the Holiday Show and 12 Days of Christmas events for the whole family.

2023 kicks off with **Clearwater Salutes Our Coast Guard**, followed by the **4th Annual Women's History Month Exhibit, TRAILBLAZERS 2023**. Nominations forms are online for the 2023 exhibit and members are encouraged to nominate women who have made a difference, dedicated their lives to helping others or breaking barriers in work, and professions and inspired others to follow.



The highly successful **Founding Families of Clearwater** will continue into 2023 **along with** the **Let's Eat** exhibit of historic restaurants of Clearwater and Clearwater Beach.



2nd Annual Family Fun Day Bar-B-Que

Saturday November 5, 2022

Tickets on sale at the museum or online at clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org
Bring the family, friends, enjoy fabulous food, Family activities & Bounce House and support the museum!

Tickets must be purchased by November 3, 2022

Members \$12 Non-Members \$15 Children under 10 yrs \$6
Day of event \$15

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Clearwater Historical Society, Inc., founded in 1978, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with a mission to educate, collect, preserve, exhibit, and promote the people, culture and events of Clearwater, Florida. Its vision is to create a place where the community comes together to explore Clearwater's past, share its present and imagine its future. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION (CH# 58300) AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES ON THEIR WEBSITE (www.800helpfla.com) OR BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 1-800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE

Upcoming Events:

Clearwater Salutes our Coast Guard



Mark your calendar for Saturday January 14, 2023 for the Grand Opening of **Clearwater Salutes our Coast Guard**, the first in a series of exhibits dedicated to the military. The public event welcomes local Coast Guard Station crew and Auxiliary volunteers from Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Sand Key and Madeira Beach. Man overboard exercises, an active rescue boat and crew, and a fly over of the Clearwater Coast Guard Air Station HC1-30 Four Engine Turbo Aircraft are some of the activities planned for the day. Demonstrations and hands on activities for all ages. The exhibit runs to February 25.

We are proud to honor our Coast Guard, one of 29 U.S. cities designated by Congress as a Coast Guard City. Thank you to our sponsors and supporters who have invested in this exhibit and those of you who may join us.

To be a sponsor, attend the invitation only VIP Reception and be included in the exhibit and all promotion or have any local Coast Guard stories or pictures to share contact Jerry Collman (850) 933-9733

Happy Holidays at the Museum

The annual holiday display opens in December and we are seeking images of Clearwater holiday's past. If you have a photo to share we will scan the original image and return it safely to you. Your photos add to our stories and local history! Thank you for saving our memories!



CALENDAR

October

- Saturday October 15, Clearwater Hispanic Market 9 - 3 p.m. and Largo Mid Pinellas Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast
- Saturday October 22, Car Show 10 - 2 p.m. and Trunk or Treat 10 a.m. - Sponsored by 12 Days of Christmas and Kiwanis Club
- Saturday October 29, Speaker Series- Morean Arts Center



November

- Saturday November 5, Family Fun Day BBQ, Food Served 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Tickets on sale now.
- Saturday November 12, The Big Cleanup Clearwater starting Hamilton Crescent parking lot 9 a.m. Sign up on website
- Saturday November 19, Clearwater Hispanic Market 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Speaker Series - History of Manatee County 10 a.m.
- Sunday November 20, 10 - 2 Holiday Charity Market and Car Show for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



December

- Thursday December 1, Christmas Tree Lighting, stories, holiday treats and meet Mrs. Claus 6 - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday December 13, Holiday Parade 4 pm from Island Way Grill. Contact: Juli.Norberg@hilton.com
- Friday December 16, Movie, The Grinch, shown on 80 ft inflatable screen and a visit from the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who.
- Saturday December 17, **Market Marie**
- Sunday December 18, "Paw"rade Suncoast Animal Shelter along with Santa and the Grinch.
- Saturday December 24, Clearwater Hispanic Market 9 - 3

Clearwater Hispanic Market will be at the museum the third Saturday of every month in 2023!

January 2023

- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- Saturday January 14, Clearwater Salutes our Coast Guard Grand Opening event, fun for the whole family. Free admission!



Museum Fun:



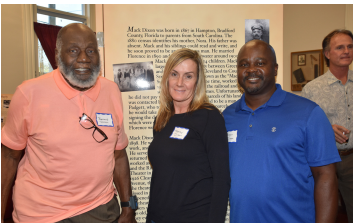
Opening night for the Haunted Clearwater Jolley Trolley Tour. Local hotel concierge group members got to be first to ride.

Haunted Clearwater Tour opening night



Mark Muncy and John Gaston get a sneak peek of the Haunted Clearwater Trolley Tour.

Founding Families of Clearwater opening night



Dixon Family



Taylor Family



Joshua Ginsberg signs books at the Haunted Clearwater Jolley Trolley opening also narrates the Haunted Tour..



Coachman Family



McMullen Family



Trailblazing Women 2022 and their families come together to celebrate National Women's History Month



Volunteers in action

Thanks to our Life, Pioneer, Settler Members and Sponsors for supporting us through the years!

David Allbriton
Susan Whitehurst Allen
Nancy Aisfelder
Brent Armstrong
William Askin
Janice De Vito Ayala
R.L. Baker
Gary & Karen Baker
William Beatty
Jean Lester Bennett
Sonny & Robin Bennett
Kim Berfield
E.W. "Billy" Bie
Meta Blanton
George Bouse
Neil Brickfield
Gwen Burchard
Alice Burkholder
Merry June Burwell
Terri Carlisle
Capogna's
Jean Taylor Carter
Liza Carter & Jerry Fletcher
Andrew & Doreen Caudell
Sarah Brown Caudell
Lois Ann & Paul Chapman
Liz, Cliff & Conrad Childress
Christine Clay
Leslie Clark
Clearsky Restaurants
Clearwater Public Library
Clearwater Greater Federation of Women's Clubs, CCWC

Coachman Family
Mike Coachman
Jerry & Joy Collman
John & Trudy Cooper
George & Carolyn Cretekos
Bob Cundiff
Joseph Critchley
Susan Dees
George Demeritte
The Dimmitt Family
Larry Dimmitt III
Allison & Larry Dolan & Family
John Doran
Liz & Mike Drayer
Martha & John Espy
Fred & Aleta Fisher
Terry & Robert Fortner
Tom & Ele Fox
Carol Free
Eric Fritz
Rev. Robert & Shirley Galatas
Rita Garvey
Lynda Goodgame
Tom & Beth Goodgame
Kevin & Cindy Granger
Lila Grant
Marie Grein
Isay M. Gulley
Linda & David Hamilton
Mary & Harry Hancock/Delmar &
Barbara Harris & Family
Rex Harper
Jane Helms

Sally Walker Guthrie & David Hemerick
Matile Hendry
Frank & Theresa Hibbard
Jeanne & Brian Holmquist
HEP Homeless Empowerment Project
John Homer
Hooters
Ken & Belinda Horne
Dean Rhodes Horne & Dawn Jacob Roberts
Fred & Camille Hosley
Innisbrook Resort
Laddie Irion
Harry & Sandra Jamieson
Bill Jonson
Kappy Koch
Zena Lansky
James Lau
Michael Laursen
Karen & Jim Lehrburger
Trudy & David Little
David & Susann MacNamee
John Maire & Maire Company
Carol & Tim Mariani
Dan Martucci
Doug & Shirley Mason
Sam & Anita McClelland
Stephen & Kimberly McClelland
Janet & Paul McMullen Sr.
Drina & Ken Meyer
Tom & Margaret Michaels
Donnie Miller
Lisa Frank Millsaps

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Patti Haley Mulock
Barbara & Carroll Nall
Thomas Nash III, Pioneer
Northstar Family Foundation
O'Keefes Pub
Don Ondrejcek
Martha Ondrejcek, Life
Palm Pavilion & Hamilton Family
Richard & Deborah Parker
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Marjorie A. Parvin
Betty Perry
C.M. Phillips
Pinch A Penny, Inc.
Pinellas Community Foundation
Suz Carter Priest
Donald Prokes
Susan & Tony Raineri & Family
Jay Rhodes
Dean Robinson
Judith Rock
Rotary Club of Clearwater
Ardith Rutland
Melba Saltarelli
Sarah & Mike Sanders
Edward Schultz
Robert & Mary Schutt
Ann R. Scott
Susan Scott

Karen & Ron Seel
Sheraton Sand Key Resort
Leah Bailey & Marvin Siple
Les & Judy Smout
Specialized Property Services Group
Stevenson Family
Ruth & JO Stone Foundation
David Straz Performing Arts Center
Tampa Bay Magazine
Taylor Family
THG Rentals
Fred Thomas
John Thomas
Jack & Sandy Turner
Deborah Trunk
Terry Tsafatinos
John Usher
Bob Valentine
Eleanor Grace Vassel
Martin Volpe
Tom Wadbolt
Catherine Wallace
John Wallace
Robert Wallace
William & Frances Wallace
Dora Ward
Herbert Weller
Albert Wilcox
Gus, Fred & LuAnn Wilder
Jennie E. Wilson
Robert & Peggy Word
Zubler Family

Current Happenings:



Jolley Trolley decked out for Haunted Tour

Interested in a fun fall adventure? The Museum has partnered with the Jolley Trolley for a Haunted Trolley Tour of Clearwater. Guests are picked up in the museum parking lot off Hamilton Crescent for a 75 minute tour. Enjoy chilling tales told by supernatural author Joshua Ginsberg as the tour travels to haunted locations from Clearwater's spooky past.

Tickets are \$29.99 per person and if purchased at the museum a portion supports its programs and exhibits. Christmas Light Tours begin in December.

Podcasts & Oral Histories of Clearwater

Volunteers have been recording Oral Histories for a Podcast Series. Check the website for **Clearwater History Speaks** to listen to previous recordings. We are also looking for new stories about life in old Clearwater, the beach, the coast and the Gulf and welcome your input and stories. We are particularly interested in:

- Pinellas High School or Clearwater Jr. High etc.
- stone crab catches or mullet fishing
- shopping downtown
- going to the Carib movie theater

Contact susan.raineri@hotmail.com with your story!

QR Code Links Mural Video

Last newsletter introduced the mural on the 1912 High School building. Thanks to Tim Boatright, mural artist, Vitale Brothers and Sam McLelland, long time Pioneer member, visitors can enjoy a narrated video on the people and places included.

A QR code located near the mural can be scanned with a smart phone and linked to the video. It is also available on the museum YouTube Channel.



Reunion Time:

Class of 1962

60TH REUNION

Class of 1982

40TH REUNION



I can't stop loving you

#1 SONG SUMMER 1962 RAY CHARLES



senior class officers

Bob Breen, President, Sue Wallace, Treasurer, Greg McElroy, Vice President, Ann Dulligan, Secretary



West Side Story

#1 MOVIE SUMMER 1962



homecoming 1961



Most School Spirit—MYRA KOHNE and RONNIE TOWNSEND



Personality Plus—ANN DARLING and MIKE DULLIGAN



Most Popular—BETTY LOU ANDERSON and RANDY CAMERON



Most Talented—BOB BURNS and CAROLYN PATTON

Ebony & Ivory

#1 SONG SUMMER 1982 PAUL MCCARTNEY AND STEVIE WONDER



Best Dressed—JOE BIONDI and CAROLE RALSTON



Most Intelligent—AL GALBRAITH and MARRIETTA MARRA

CLEARWATER HIGH REUNIONS

When planning your high school reunion keep the museum in mind for a venue to meet up, celebrate and reminisce through our collection of yearbooks. Many classes have spent afternoons at the museum sharing stories. We can assist in gathering memorabilia to display and encourage class members to loan or donate any memorabilia they wish to share.



Museum Business:



South side of the 1912 High School Building

HELP! Building Facade Losing Bricks

In July a portion of the third floor/south side brick facade of the 1912 high school loosened due to age and moisture and numerous bricks fell to the ground. Luckily there were no accidents, but the damage is extensive, not only where it can be seen, inside the building walls. Since then, Pennoni Associates Inc. structural engineer, ATC and Associates, LLC, Specialized Services Group, and McMullen Roofing Company have evaluated the damage and estimates to make repairs.

The first cost estimates are devastating as we are getting back on our feet after COVID 19 closures and limited hours. In launching a capital campaign to restore South Ward property has had its impact on the buildings still requiring restoring. We are seeking grants and financial support to save SOUTHWARD! Your support is needed too!

Donate:

Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help the museum be all that it can be.

- Building Committee
- Communications Committee/ Social Media
- Events Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Membership Committee
- Board Members
- Volunteer Coordinator

See the Volunteer page on our website for more information and applications

Donate Clearwater Artifacts

The Clearwater Historical Society Museum is always looking for Clearwater related items. We would love to share and preserve your local photographs, yearbooks, documents and local memorabilia. If you aren't ready to part with your items, we can photograph or scan them so we could preserve a copy for future displays.

Join the Settler VIP Membership Program

Interested in preserving Clearwater's history? Join our Settler Program! The annual membership is \$1,000 and when paid before December 20, 2022, will be matched by an anonymous donor with \$500, making your contribution \$1,500. Becoming a Settler has benefits! As of October 10, we need 5 donors to meet our goal for 2022. Can you help?

- Get invited to opening receptions for new exhibits.
- Attend annual Night at the Museum Appreciation event
- Discount on event center rentals
- Publicly recognized for being a Settler at events, in the newsletter on the website and social media.



Dear Friend of the Museum,

Our Museum is 3 years old! It's been a challenging but rewarding journey during the worst pandemic in our lifetime. We hope you agree.

We are proud of our successes: Let's Eat, a tribute to local restaurants, some 50 plus years old. The Mullet Boat exhibit of a by-gone fishing economy. The Trailblazing Women exhibit honoring National Women's History Month, celebrating close to 30 courageous women to date. The Founding Families of Clearwater of the first settlers who tamed this land. Our famous Fish Fry, bigger than ever, Our Speaker Series viewed worldwide on YouTube and the 30' high mural getting rave reviews. We are the source for Clearwater history, the keeper of the stories and the caretaker of the images, photographs, documents, maps and signage that tell the story of a life, a business or a property. As we put this newsletter to print we are pleased to announce and welcome the **LEADERSHIP PINELLAS, CLASS OF 2022**, who will be on site late December lending hands, talent and time to paint the cafeteria, former kindergarten and kitchen. We are on a roll!

We invite you to partner with us to make history, by joining the VIP donors who have invested in our mission to educate, collect, preserve, exhibit and promote the people, culture and events of Clearwater's rich past. We can send you our donor package on exhibits, events and opportunities to support. Gifts start at \$1,000 and you may choose to be a Sponsor, Settler member or leave a legacy gift. We have 5 acres, numerous buildings, rooms and spaces to be renovated and major capital improvements to become the local history museum deserving of Clearwater.

VIP donors enjoy invitations to Opening Nights, recognition in print and social media, reserved parking, complimentary or reduced Event Center rental and photo opportunities. Their greatest gift is making sure the stories are never forgotten. We are doing something right... the Ruth & JO Stone Foundation are returning for the third year in a row as sponsors of the 4th Annual Trailblazing Women Exhibit, in 2023.

We hope you think our mission is worthy of your support! Call 727-754-8019 or email clearwaterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com with any questions. Our Board of Directors, members and community, Thank you.

Allison Herrington Dolan, President

Making a Difference:

News from the Librarian

As a volunteer librarian at the museum, I want to share something special that I recently experienced. For the South Ward Days, September 17th, all the South Ward class photo albums stored in the library were placed on a table in the Event Room. We had many alumni enjoy looking through them for pictures of themselves, family members, and teachers. It was so rewarding to hear the excitement of former students as they discovered part of their past.

It is one thing to organize and preserve these items, but it is more fulfilling to let people handle them and realize that the museum is preserving these historical items for them and for future generations. We realized our class photos from South Ward Elementary School only start with 1966. If anyone knows where we can find class photos from earlier years, please let us know.



Volunteers Making History

Did you know we are a volunteer run organization? We have done so many wonderful things since the museum opened in June of 2019 that the outside world thinks we have an army of helpers. We wish that were true! If you are truly interested in preserving Clearwater history, come join us. We need artists, writers, carpenters, builders, teachers, mostly any trade or skill you can share. You can work inside, outside, on one of the many projects constantly ongoing. We have 5 acres to occupy your time. Our volunteers have set up a Clearwater library, they meet and greet visitors, create exhibits and record stories. They have transformed the patio, lawn, outside areas, and walkways. And we hear they host the best opening night parties in town. If you volunteer, you'll find out.

We are proud of our work in spite of the challenges since COVID-19! We are determined to make this the museum Clearwater is worthy of. If you want to join the best group of volunteers in Clearwater and make a difference call 727-754-8019 or download an application from our website clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org/volunteer



Clearwater High History Club Volunteers

Our newest volunteers helped out in the Library sorting and updating our list of current yearbooks.

They made fast work of taking an inventory of the Clearwater High and Countryside High yearbooks, checked out the car show on the lawn and visited the museum. They even took note of the yearbooks during World War II and the ones from the early years with paper covers. They are a welcome addition to our band of volunteers.



Clearwater Historical Society Inc. Annual Meeting

November 5, 2022

11:15 a.m.

Clearwater Historical Museum & Cultural Center

Active memberships are required to vote.

2022 – 2023 Board Of Directors

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Ways to Explore the Museum and Clearwater History

VISIT THE MUSEUM: 10 –2 p.m. Friday and Saturday and by appointment Monday - Thursday.

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SPEAKER SERIES: Check Facebook and website for list of speakers. Recorded for YouTube

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