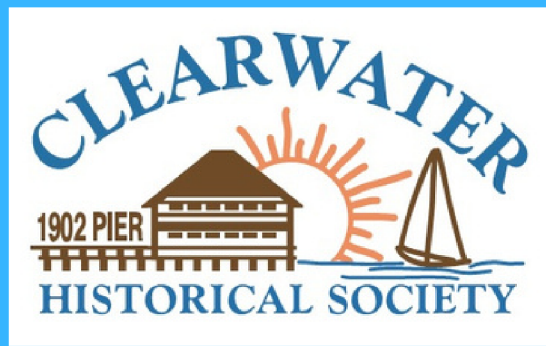




Museum Hours  
Thursday - Saturday  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



# Spring 2023 Newsletter

## 4th Annual Trailblazing Women of Clearwater

On March 1st, the museum opened the **4th Annual Trailblazing Women of Clearwater** exhibit presented by Pinellas Community Foundation. The exhibit is dedicated to Sallie Parks, a great supporter of the Clearwater Historical Society Museum and the Trailblazing Women's Exhibit. This year's honorees are:

- **Gertrude Warnick** (1896-1953) a Hero nurse at the Littlefield Nursing Home in Largo.
- **Maria Nieves Edmonds** (1946-2017) Co-Founded **Women on the Way** at St. Petersburg College and past president of **Leadership Pinellas**.
- **Julie Scales**: Executive Director of **Pinellas Community Foundation**
- **Nicole Stott**: Artist and an Astronaut. One of the founding directors of **Space for Art Foundation**.



L to R: Allison Dolan, Nicole Stott, Julie Scales, and Leza Ries (daughter of Maria Nieves Edmonds)

Thanks to our sponsors of the Trailblazing Women Exhibit:

The Ruth & J O Stone Foundation, Tampa Bay Magazine, City of Clearwater, Deane Rhodes Horne & Dawn Jacobs Roberts  
Joy & Jerry Collman, Mary Ann & Brad Morse



### Annual Fish Fry

**Saturday May 6, 2023**

Tickets on sale at the museum or online at [clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org](http://clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org)

Bring the family, friends, enjoy fabulous food, family activities and support the museum!

**Tickets must be purchased by April 30, 2023**

**Members \$12 Non-Members \$15**

**Children under 10 yrs \$6**

**Limited tickets day of event \$20**

#### 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](http://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



## Exhibits & Events:

### The Lure of Fishing



# THE LURE OF FLORIDA FISHING

A travelling exhibit from the Museum of Florida History



**JUNE 1 to LABOR DAY 2023**  
**THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

& BY APPOINTMENT at 727-754-8019

Clearwater Historical Society Museum  
610 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756  
Admission by donation

*Featuring fishing since the early settlers, with a local focus on Clearwater and the people who created the intracoastal waterway, built world class racing yachts, introduced fishing charters and built a pier for land anglers.*

INCLUDING MANNY THE MANATEE FROM THE TARPON SPRINGS HERITAGE MUSEUM & THE RESTORED MULLET BOAT AND DISPLAY

## CALENDAR

### April

- Tuesday April 4, Gold leaf Easter Egg Pop-up 6 - 8 p.m.
- Saturday April 15 Clearwater Hispanic Market 9 a.m.- 3p.m.
- Saturday April 22, Car Show 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### May

- Saturday May 6, Fish Fry,  
Food Served 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tickets on sale now.
- Blood Drive.
- Saturday May 13, Speaker/Book signing

**Florida: A History of Pictures**  
with Authors Mike McGinness & Jeff Davies

- Saturday May 20, Clearwater Hispanic Market 9 a.m - 3 p.m.
- Saturday May 27, Car Show 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

### June

- Thursday June 1, Lure of Fishing Exhibit opens
- Saturday June 17, Clearwater Hispanic Market 9 a.m. -3p.m.
- Saturday June 24, Car Show 10 a.m. - 2p.m.

**Have a Great Summer!**



**Sponsorships available for The Lure of Florida Fishing Exhibit**

Contact us 727-754-8019 or  
email [clearwaterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:clearwaterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

## Clearwater Honors the Coast Guard

The Society started the new year with a Salute to the Coast Guard telling the history of the Clearwater Air Station and the Coast Guard Station Sand Key. The local Auxiliary helped with the history of the many units in the area.

One Saturday the family of Coast Guard Captain Robert Whitley, the second Commander at the Clearwater Air Station, visited the museum specifically to view the Coast Guard exhibit and for his family to record some of his memories of his more than 31 years in the Coast Guard. His career both started in and ended in Clearwater. In the 1950s he began his career with the Coast Guard at the St. Pete Station at Albert Whitted Field before the Air Station moved to Clearwater. He worked as a pilot of many types of Coast Guard aircraft but from listening to him talk the C-130 was his favorite. He told stories of a search and rescue mission where he flew a C-130 under the Golden Gate Bridge. Closer to us he worked on the planning for the recovery of the USCGC Blackthorn after the collision near the Skyway Bridge. The family was kind enough to share the video to our Clearwater Historical Society Events channel on YouTube.

Thanks to our sponsors: Coast Guard Exhibit Chair Joy & Jerry Collman, Sheraton Sand Key Hotel



**Robert Whitley Coast Guard Veteran**



# Museum Fun:



Sponsors and CG Exhibit Chair Joy & Jerry Collman



## Clearwater Salutes the Coast Guard



Ribbon Cutting  
L to R:  
Allison Dolan,  
Cmdr Jeanine  
McIntosh-Menze  
Mayor Frank  
Hibbard,  
Asst Cmdr Shay  
Williams,  
MC Abrams



## Trailblazing Women of Clearwater opening night



This year's Trailblazing Women Exhibit is dedicated to Sallie Parks one of our 2022 honorees who was a champion for women and the museum.



**We appreciate all those that have given over the years. We are asking that you renew your Annual Membership to the Clearwater Historical Society Museum. 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 Espey  
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  
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Bill Jonson  
Kappy Koch  
Zena Lansky  
James Lau  
Michael Laursen  
Karen & Jim Lehrburger  
Trudy & David Little  
David & Susann MacNamee  
John Maire & Maire Company  
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Mary Ann & Brad Morse  
Patti Haley Mulock  
Barbara & Carroll Nall  
Thomas Nash III  
Northstar Family Foundation  
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Don Ondrejcek  
Martha Ondrejcek, Life  
Palm Pavilion & Hamilton Family  
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Suz Carter Priest  
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Melba Saltarelli  
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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:



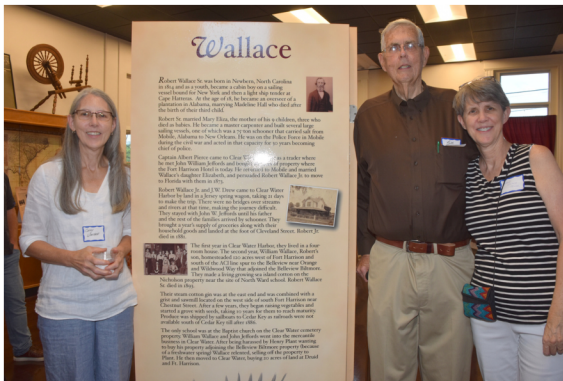
Basore Family and Kalli Family after a morning fishing on the Courtney Campbell Causeway

*Do you have a best catch photo or your grandparents fishing photo from a day on the Gulf. We would love to include them in our exhibit.*

You can email the photos to us at [clearwaterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:clearwaterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)



The Exhibit Committee is looking forward to welcoming an exhibit this summer from the Museum of Florida History. Opening June 1st and running until Labor Day, September 4th, "The Lure of Florida Fishing " delves into the history of fishing in the state and the impact on our state's economy. The Committee is adding some local flavor by focusing on some locals who helped establish Clearwater's charter boat industry and built boats that were nationally respected. Let's Go Fishing!!



## Wallace Family

### Celebrate 150 Years in Clearwater

The Wallace Family, originally from North Carolina, traveled by small schooner from Mobile, Alabama for the 5 day trip, along with the Drew and Pierce Families to Clearwater in 1873. Landing at the foot of Cleveland Street with a years' worth supply of for all three families. The second year the family homesteaded 120 acres. The family grew Sea Island cotton then vegetables until their citrus produced which took 10 years. Bill Wallace Jr., the past president of the Clearwater Historical Society, still lives on 20 acres of land purchased in 1905. Him and his brother donated some family artifacts to the museum to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the family's arrival in Clearwater.

## Signal Boxes Find New Purpose



In 2017 the Clearwater Art Alliance and the Public Art and Design Board started a program to decorate signal boxes at intersections throughout the city with art work related to the stories of Clearwater. Many of the signal boxes around the city are in need of an upgrade, according to FDOT which works out great for the museum. The signal box, that was located at Drew St and Betty Lane, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Clearwater Country Club. We also received the box that was located at the corner of Cleveland and Myrtle celebrating history of Jazz in the city, with artwork by Tim Boatright (the artist that designed our mural) Looking for a way to recycle and find a new use for the boxes, CAA and the City donated the boxes to the museum. The museum is now able cover the water spigot and shelve landscaping supplies. We would like to give a special thanks to the Clearwater Arts Alliance and the City of Clearwater!



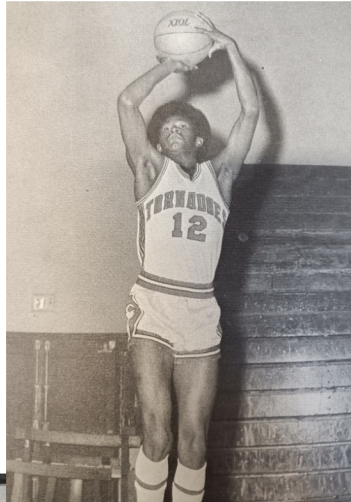
# Reunion Time:

## Class of 1974 50TH REUNION



*Seasons in the Sun*

#1 SONG SPRING 1974 TERRY JACKS



## Class of 1984 40TH REUNION



*Blazing Saddles*

#1 MOVIE 1974



## Class of 1964 60TH REUNION

*Beverly Hills Cop*

#1 MOVIE 1984



## 60TH REUNION



*When Doves Cry*

#1 SONG 1984 PRINCE

## CLEARWATER and COUNTRYSIDE 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 Repairs

## Facade Bricks being replaced

Last July a portion of the brick facade fell from the third floor/south side of the 1912 high school building due to age and moisture. This winter the Pinellas County School Board brick mason came out and replaced the fallen bricks from the façade. One of the problems is the moisture inside the building needs to be removed. It is going to take a few industrial size dehumidifiers to remove the moisture that will help stabilize the building. We have applied for grants to purchase the dehumidifiers.

The School Board also replaced part of the shingles on the old teacher's lounge building. We greatly appreciate their partnership in keeping up these treasured buildings.

## 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

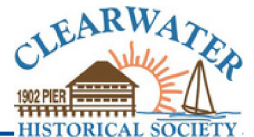
The Clearwater Historical Society Museum is always looking for Clearwater-related items. We would love to share and preserve your local photographs, yearbooks, documents and local memorabilia. If you aren't ready to part with your items, we can photograph or scan them so we could preserve a copy for 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, 2023, will be matched by an anonymous donor with \$500, making your contribution \$1,500. Becoming a Settler has benefits! 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.

**As of March 1st we need 17 donors to meet our 2023 goal.**



## do·cent

a person who acts as a guide, typically on a voluntary basis, in a museum, art gallery, or zoo.

We are always asking for people to be a docent at the museum and maybe you feel like you don't know enough history to do this. To break it down what we do as a docent at the Clearwater Historical Society is somewhere between hanging out at Floyd's Barbershop in Mayberry and Central Perk (the coffee house) on Friends, In other words a place where people can welcome visitors to the museum, let them know what we have on exhibit and visit a spell. We love to encourage return visits, membership and volunteering.





# Making a Difference:

## News from the Librarian

The research team from the Museum has been busy researching questions from people who contacted us to find certain information. Recently, we had three inquiries about three different houses in Clearwater. One of the houses was owned by William Proctor from Proctor and Gamble. The person asking was the president of the Glendale Heritage Preservation in Ohio, the Proctor's hometown. He and his wife had driven past the house when they were traveling through Clearwater and were interested in learning about its history.

### An abundance of yearbooks

Thanks to many donations, the museum has extra copies of the Clearwater High School yearbooks. The yearbooks have been placed on the lower shelves in the Event Center. If you would like to purchase any of these yearbooks, please check with Allison Dolan.



Proctor Home Clearwater built in 1925

## Membership News

We're excited to announce that the Society is adding another level of membership. Businesses and other organizations can now join for \$500. Besides supporting the Museum, benefits of this membership include advance notice and ticket purchase opportunities for Museum events, discounted rental fees for Museum event spaces, invitation to certain VIP events, receipt of the quarterly newsletter and more. **We welcome new Corporate Members to the Society!**

Your membership is important. With your membership money we are able to fund projects at the museum, buy equipment and fix things that are beyond our talented volunteers abilities. If you pay online it can be set to automatically renew.

**Thank you for being a member!**

## Students Making History



Clearwater High History Club students help restore a historic pram at the Clearwater Historical Society Museum

Clearwater Historical Society's special prize at Pinellas History Day in February went to Colton Gross, a junior at Clearwater High and a member of the Rho Kappa Social Studies National Honor Society. Colton also volunteers at the Museum with the History Club from Clearwater High School.



## Leadership Pinellas and the Youth Leadership Volunteers



We had the Leadership Pinellas and the Youth Leadership of Pinellas groups come together and paint the cafeteria and kindergarten buildings for one of their volunteer projects. We appreciate all their hard work.





## **Clearwater Historical Museum & Cultural Center**

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**If you are looking for a way to help we are always looking for  
volunteers. Share your gift of time.**

### **Ways to Explore the Museum and Clearwater History**

VISIT THE MUSEUM: 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and by appointment Monday - Wednesday.

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YOUTUBE: Search Clearwater Historical Society Events

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