



# DeSoto County Historical Society News

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## Sponsors Needed for This Newsletter!

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January - **Jack Shore**

February - **Joshua Creek Realty Group**

March - **Arlene and Warren Conley in memory of Leo and Hazel Williams**

May - **Historic Parker House B & B Kay and Leonard Higley, Proprietors**

June - **Max and Lois Fitzpatrick**

July - **Mitzie McGavic**

September - **Donn and Bebe Jackson**

October - **Dale and Diane Melton in memory of Dale's mother, Velma**

November - **Ronnie & Charlotte Allen, in memory of Winnie Duncan**

## Our Sixth Annual Pioneer Day and Barbecued Rib Cook-off is March 20, 2010, at DeSoto Park!

To celebrate the history and heritage of Arcadia and DeSoto County, we need good food, live entertainment, informational booths, and demonstrators of traditional crafts. If you know of someone or something that should be part of this event, please contact Bebe Jackson at 494-6607 or online at [bebebradbury@aol.com](mailto:bebebradbury@aol.com).

If you want to help with planning, please attend the next meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 16, at the Historic Parker House.

## Annual Tribute Dinner

Thanks to Kay Higley for volunteering to chair this committee. If you would like to help, please contact her at 494-1060.

## Come Early and Stay Late at the Fifth Annual Yard Sale! 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, November 7 at the Historic Parker House Bed and Breakfast, 427 W. Hickory Street (Highway 70 West)

Start your morning with a cup of hot coffee and a delicious brownie, cake, cookie, muffin, or other treats from the bake sale. At the yard sale, browse both large and small items, old standbys and new fangled gadgets, knickknacks and necessities, and plenty of odds and ends.

While you're buying, enjoy live music, and when you're ready for a break from shopping, sit down, relax, and listen. That's when a freshly grilled hotdog and a cold drink will hit the spot. Plus, you'll have a chance to visit with members, friends, neighbors, and other shoppers, too.



Please bring your finest homemade cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, and cakes to the Historic Parker House on Friday, Nov. 6, or early Saturday morning for the bake sale.



## Three Public Archaeology Days

**Pine Level Methodist Church**

**Saturdays, October 3, 10, and 31**

Jana Futch and Jeff Moates of the Florida Public Archaeology Network and our Society held three public archaeology days at old Pine Level, including interviews and a two-day surface survey. Participants included Society members plus graduate students and professors from the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg.

Please send all news, corrections, and suggestions to Carol Mahler at 491-0286 or online at [carolmahler3@gmail.com](mailto:carolmahler3@gmail.com).



## Special Fundraiser for our December Meeting

The December meeting will be a pot luck meal, so please bring a covered dish and a new, unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" program. You'll also have a chance to buy presents for those on your Christmas list AND contribute to the scholarship fund! Vernon Keen will auction new items, and the proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

The Scholarship Committee is defining the conditions that a student will have to meet to receive the \$500 scholarship. The Committee asks members to donate new items for the auction. They may be dropped off at the Historic Parker House or call Mitzie to pick them up at 494-5917.

### **A Fifth Grant for the J. Morgan Ingraham House**

The Contract for Phase Four of the restoration was awarded to Imaging Construction, and work has begun. Last year, the Grant Committee in Tallahassee said, "We would like to see you again next year!" So, we are applying for a grant for Phase Five. Bebe Jackson is collecting support letters.

- Support letters need to be on letterhead, if possible
- Please include the current date and your signature
- Address for your letter: Director, Division of Historical Resources, c/o Bureau of Historic Preservation Grants and Education Section 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL, 32399-0250
- Project: Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant-In-Aid for the John Morgan Ingraham House 300 North Monroe Avenue Arcadia, FL 34266

Please bring your letter of support to the November meeting or contact Bebe Jackson at 494-6607 or online at [bebebradbury@aol.com](mailto:bebebradbury@aol.com).

## November Meeting Announcement

The DeSoto County Historical Society's regular monthly meeting will be held at the **Family Service Center Annex** (old West Elementary School cafeteria) on N. Orange Avenue on the second Thursday of the month,  
**November 12, 2009.**

Lunch is \$5, beginning at 11:30 a.m., and the meeting starts at noon.

**Come early and bring a friend--or two!**

**W. G. Kayo Welles**

will talk about

**"Early Manatee and DeSoto Counties  
as My Ancestors Knew Them."**

### **Proposed Slate of Officers for 2010**

**President:** Mitzie McGavic  
**Vice-President:** Bebe Jackson  
**Secretary:** Forest Reynolds  
**Treasurer:** Arlene Conley  
**Nominated Board of Directors:**  
Harold McLeod and Kay Higley

### **Nominating Committee**

Bruce Neveau, Clel Shore, and Dennis Tyson serve with Mitzie McGavic on the nominating committee. They welcome any nominations from the floor or from the membership. Please contact them:

- Bruce Neveau or Dennis Tyson: 954-494-0235 or online at [nbruden@msn.com](mailto:nbruden@msn.com)
- Clel Shore: 494-2701 and 558-3002 or online [clelshore@embarqmail.com](mailto:clelshore@embarqmail.com).

At our November meeting, the Committee will call for nominations from the floor, before we vote on the proposed slate of officers. The officers elected will be installed at the meeting in December.

### **Web site Coordinator**

Thanks to Charlotte Allen for volunteering to collect information about our events to update our Web site.