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Manatee Heritage Days

February 18, 2022— Manatee Heritage Days to be held March 1-31, 2022

This year marks the 43rd year for Manatee Heritage Days, the time when Manatee County’s historical organizations and sites come together to celebrate our community’s heritage by providing opportunities for our area’s residents and visitors to experience the past. Reenactments, special exhibits, lectures, classes, walking tours, open houses and family programming will highlight the month’s events.

Originally a week in length, Heritage Days grew to nine days, and in 1995, Manatee Heritage Days expanded to a month long event. The activities have been as varied as exhibits and parades. Events take place this year both virtually, as well as throughout Manatee County communities. Through these events, participants can experience the pioneer lifestyle and learn how Manatee County has grown and developed.

Manatee Heritage Days is supported and organized by the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court’s Department of Historical Resources, under the auspices of Angelina “Angel” Colonnese, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller.

Following is a schedule for events. Most are free, though some require a reservation or admission fee. **For specific information about an event, please call the number listed on the schedule.** For more information about the Manatee Heritage Days, in general, please call (941) 741-4070. Join with us in this countywide celebration of our community's past.

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2022 Participating Organizations:

Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
Florida Maritime Museum
Gamble Plantation Historic State Park
Jiggs Landing
Manatee County Agricultural Museum
***Manatee County Historical Records Library**
Manatee Genealogical Society
***Manatee Village Historical Park**
Palmetto Historical Park
Parrish Civic Association
Powel Crosley Estate Foundation
Realize Bradenton
Reflections of Manatee
***Founding Member**

Month Long Events

Jigg's Landing Tours

Dates: All month long

Hours: 8:00 AM – 6:30 PM / Historic Boat Tours Friday & Saturday 3:15 PM

Location: Jiggs Landing Preserve, 6106 63rd Street East, Bradenton

Website: www.JiggsLanding.com

Contact: 941-727-4181

Cost: Historic Boat Tours \$20 / food costs vary

Event Description: Self-guided tour of Replica Cabin with a pamphlet (30 minutes), Historical River Boat Tour Reservations at 3:15 \$20, (55 minutes), Month-long Heritage Foods are available at the Outpost. These foods include Swamp Cabbage (warm heart of palm salad), Sour Orange Pie, Mullet dip and Sun Tea. Call 941-727-4181, or visit www.JiggsLanding.com for more information.

Self-Guided Walking Tour of Palmetto

Dates: All Month Long

Hours: Anytime

Location: Palmetto Historical Park / 515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: www.palmettohistoricalpark.com/cliotour

Contact: 941-723-4991 / palmettohistorical_park@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: Enjoy historic downtown Palmetto with our NEW virtual self-guided tour now available online and on the "CLIO – Your Guide to History" App. The Tour starts at 515 10th Ave W. Palmetto, Florida and will take you on a journey through Palmetto's historic downtown and riverfront area.

Outdoor Selfie Scavenger Hunt at FMM

Dates: All month long

Hours: Preserve opens at dawn and closes at dusk.

Location/Address - Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street West, Cortez, FL 34215

Website: <https://www.floridamaritimemuseum.org/education> or (direct link to online scavenger hunt)

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https://www.floridamaritimemuseum.org/files/ugd/890b23_a23a33045830430f8eaa29c68899bf77.pdf

Contact: fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: FMM shares meaningful stories not only of Florida's maritime history, but also of Manatee County's historic Cortez Commercial Fishing Village. The museum is situated on almost four acres of land known as the Cortez Nature Preserve and several other culturally-significant historic buildings call our grounds "home." On Our Outdoor Selfie Scavenger Hunt, explorers are guided along our grounds as they search high and low to the answer for several clues. Once they find an answer, guests can take a selfie and tag the museum at #FMMSnapshot on social media. Copies of the scavenger hunt are available at the front desk of the museum, or guests can access the online PDF if they are visiting when the museum is regularly closed.

New Exhibit - "Paving Palmetto's History, Brick by Brick"

Dates: Tuesday – Friday and the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month

Hours: 10:00AM – 12:00PM & 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park / 515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: www.palmettohistoricalpark.com

Contact: 941-723-4991 / palmettohistorical_park@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: On Tuesday, March 1st, Palmetto Historical Park will be opening a new exhibit that takes you through Palmetto's rich history and is in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Palmetto and the 40th Anniversary of the Palmetto Historical Park and Palmetto Historical Commission. This exhibit will be available for viewing in the Palmetto Carnegie Library during normal operating hours (Tuesday – Friday and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10:00AM – 12:00PM & 1:00PM – 4:00PM). Admission is FREE. Tours are required to see the rest of the historic buildings and will take place at 2:00PM every day that the Palmetto Historical Park is open.

New Featured Display – "Andrew Carnegie and the Free Library Movement"

Dates: Tuesday – Friday and the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month

Hours: 10:00AM – 12:00PM & 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park / 515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: www.palmettohistoricalpark.com

Contact: 941-723-4991 / palmettohistorical_park@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: Starting March 1st, the Palmetto Historical Park will be featuring a new display in the Palmetto Carnegie Library. This featured display about Andrew Carnegie and Palmetto's Carnegie Library will be available for viewing Tuesday – Friday and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10:00AM – 12:00PM & 1:00PM – 4:00PM. Admission is FREE. Tours are required to see the rest of the historic buildings and will take place at 2:00PM every day that the Palmetto Historical Park is open.

Manatee Village Historical Park Site Tours

Dates: Monday, February 28 – Friday, March 4

Monday, March 7 – Saturday, March 12

Monday, March 14 – Friday, March 18

Hours: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Avenue East, Bradenton

Website: www.manateevillage.org

Contact: 941-749-7165 or manateevillage@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: Take a trip back in time and experience the pioneering spirit of early settlers in this area on a FREE hour-long guided tour of Manatee Village Historical Park. Space is limited to only ten

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(10) slots per tour. To create a unique experience, each tour is different depending on the staff member. Guided tours are FREE but advance reservations are required. Appropriate clothing and footwear is encouraged for all tours. Tours take place outside during daylight hours with natural elements and will include long periods of standing and walking, uneven ground, and exposure to sunlight and rain. Rain dates will not be offered in the event of a cancellation. Reservations for a staff-led guided tour of Manatee Village Historical Park can be made online at www.manateevillage.org/events or over the phone at 941-749-7165.

Cemetery Tours at 1850 Manatee Burying Ground

Dates: Monday, March 21 – Saturday, March 26

Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1

Hours: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Avenue East, Bradenton

Website: www.manateevillage.org

Contact: 941-749-7165 or manateevillage@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: Explore different facets of Manatee County's history on a FREE hour-long guided tour of the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground. To create a unique experience, each tour is different depending on the staff member giving the tour. Please note that the Burying Ground does not have pathways and getting to it requires crossing a street and maneuvering two curbs. Appropriate clothing and footwear is encouraged for all tours. Space is limited to only sixteen (16) slots per tour. Guided tours are FREE but advance reservations are required. Rain dates will not be offered in the event of a cancellation. Reservations can be made online at www.manateevillage.org/events or over the phone at 941-749-7165.

Daily Events

Tuesday, March 1st

Manatee Genealogical Society presentation

Date: Tuesday, March 1

Hours: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: online presentation via ZOOM

Website: <https://mgsfl.org/>

Contact: info@mgsfl.org

Cost: FREE

Event description: The Manatee Genealogical Society will host a virtual meeting and program on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Our program speaker, Peggy Jude, will present “1950 U. S. Census – Are You Ready?” This timely presentation precedes the public release of the 1950 U.S. Federal Census on April 1, 2022. Peggy will inform viewers of the genealogical discoveries they are likely to experience when they research their own family's 1950 census. Peggy is the Vice President of the Manatee Genealogical Society and leader of our DNA Special Interest Group. She is a professional genealogist and has been conducting genealogical research for her family and clients for over 40 years.

Members of the public are welcome to attend at no charge. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom technology. Guests must register at least one day in advance by emailing info@mgsfl.org . For more information, visit our website: <https://mgsfl.org/> or Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety . Email questions: info@mgsfl.org

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Saturday, March 5th

Palmetto's Heritage Festival

Date: Saturday, March 5th

Hours: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park and Manatee County Agricultural Museum / 515 10th Ave W.
Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: www.palmettohistoricalpark.com

Contact: 941-723-4991 / palmettohistoricalpark@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: Join us as we CELEBRATE the 20th Anniversary of the Manatee County Agricultural Museum, the 40th Anniversary of the Palmetto Historical Park and Palmetto Historical Commission, AND the 125th Anniversary of the City of Palmetto! This is a FREE, FUN FAMILY EVENT! Our 1880 Heritage Station Post Office will be operational with a ONE DAY ONLY special cancellation by the artist Joy "Pat" Robertson - bring your stamped mail to send! As a thank you for years of support, a free community luncheon will be served from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM as long as supplies last. Special Anniversary Exhibits at the Palmetto Carnegie Library and the Manatee County Agricultural Museum. Contests / Giveaways / and MORE! Activities and crafts throughout the Park.

Exhibit Opening – “It Started with a Seed: Celebrating Our 20th Anniversary”

Dates: Beginning Saturday, March 5th, Tuesday – Friday and the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month

Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 1015 6th St. West, Palmetto

Website: www.manateecountyagmuseum.com

Contact: 941-721-2034 / agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: On Saturday, March 5th, the Ag Museum will be opening a new exhibit that celebrates 20 years of the Museum opening its doors to the public. With the seed planted in 1979 for a museum dedicated to agriculture, the Ag Museum has blossomed into a cultural institution that educates visitors on Manatee County's agricultural heritage through exhibitions, preservation, educational programs, and special events for all ages. This exhibit will be available for viewing in the Ag Museum during normal operating hours (Tuesday – Friday and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM). Admission is FREE.

Parrish Heritage Day Parade and Festival

Date: Saturday, March 5th

Hours: Parade steps off at 10:00 AM, Festival hours 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: 7505 Fort Hamer Road Parrish, 34219 (next to Parrish Community High School)

Website: <https://www.parrishcivicassociation.org/parrish-heritage-day-and-parade>

Contact: gmfowler68@yahoo.com or jenniferhamey@gmail.com

Cost: FREE admission

Event description: Come join us for a FREE family friendly event for the community. The event will kick off with a local parade beginning on 121st Street and ending at the Parrish Community High School. From there, walk on over to the festival where there will be vendors with many different arts and crafts and items for purchase, food trucks, beer truck, live local band Jack'D Up, carnival games and prizes for the kids, bouncy houses, animals and, of course, the star of the festival: The Parrish Pioneer Section. The Parrish Pioneer Section will feature blacksmith demonstrations, antique cars and tractors, a bullwhip contest and a photo display of old time Parrish history. Something for everyone!

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Sunday March 6th

Gamble Plantation Historic State Park 60th Annual Spring Open House

Date: Sunday, March 6th

Hours: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Gamble Plantation Historic State Park, U.S. Highway 301 in Ellenton

Website: www.FloridaStateParks.org/gambleplantation

Contact: (941) 723-4536 or Fax (941) 723-4638.

Cost: FREE admission and parking

Event description: Once again you can travel back to the Old South during the day through the many lifestyle demonstrations of that time period. The ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be wearing costumes reminiscent of the era of the 1840's through 1870's to add that special touch of authenticity to the day. The Gamble Mansion will be open to the public with free tours. The 4th Florida Volunteer Infantry will be dressed in military uniforms re-enacting a Confederate encampment. Music, crafts and more await attendees. Admission and parking will be free. We extend a most cordial invitation for everyone to join us for the Spring Open House. Gamble Plantation Historic State Park is located on U.S. 301 in Ellenton, one mile west of I-75 off exit #224. Florida State Parks are in various stages of accessibility. We are working to improve access to services and facilities. Should you need assistance to enable your full participation, please contact Gamble Plantation.

Tuesday, March 8th & Wednesday March 9th

Powel Crosley Estate Historical Open House

Dates: Tuesday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; docent tours every half hour

Location: 8374 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243

Website: <https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/events/1853/crosley-estate-historical-open-house-1550860587>

Contact: 941-722-3244 / publicinformation@bacvb.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: The Powel Crosley Estate Foundation and the Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau will host special Open House viewing tours of the Crosley Estate, March 8-9. Every half hour from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on those days, docents tour the public around the mansion providing historical insight on the summer home Powel Crosley built for his wife Gwendolyn in 1929.

Wednesday March 9th

Palmetto's Historic Walking Tours

Date: Wednesday, March 9th

Times: 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park / 515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: www.palmettohistoricalpark.com

Contact: 941-723-4991 / palmettohistoricalpark@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE (pre-registration required)

Event description: This walk, about 2 hours, will highlight some of the historic buildings along the riverfront in Palmetto and includes a tour of the Palmetto Riverside Bed and Breakfast. The Bed and

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Breakfast was a Sears and Roebuck house, built by town founder's son, J.A. Lamb. Wear comfortable shoes. This is a free tour, but a ticket is required as there are only 15 spaces available per tour. If the tour is full you are welcome to sign up on the waiting list and we will contact you if a space opens up.

Saturday, March 12th

Music on the Porch

Date: Saturday, March 12

Hours: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: The Bratton Store porch at Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street West, Cortez

Website: <https://www.floridamaritimemuseum.org/music-on-the-porch>

Contact: fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: In celebration of the Cortez Grand Ole Opry and the rich musical heritage of Cortez, FMM hosts Music on the Porch, a free music event series held on the historic Bratton Store porch on the museum grounds. The jam session begins at 2PM and continues until 4PM; musician participation varies week to week. Guests who are musically inclined are welcome to bring an acoustic instrument to join the jam. Children and adults are welcome; visitors should bring their own chair to leisurely enjoy the music. Free parking is available in the museum lot.

Movies at the Maritime presents *Jaws*

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022

Time: Movie begins promptly at 6:30PM

Location: Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street West, Cortez, FL 34215

Website: <https://www.floridamaritimemuseum.org/movies-at-the-maritime>

Contact: fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Event description: In honor of nickel movie night at the Cortez Rural Graded Schoolhouse, gather with your friends and neighbors at FMM for **Movies at the Maritime!** This FREE film screening event takes place outdoors in the FMM field and is a BYOB&C event - bring your own blanket and chairs. On Saturday, March 12, we're all gonna need a bigger boat when we screen the 1975 Spielberg cult-classic, "Jaws"! Just when you thought it was safe to go into the water for Spring Break... The movie begins promptly at 6:30PM. Parking is available in the museum parking lot, but is very limited. Guests are encouraged to walk, bike, or row their boat to the museum. If you are traveling by car, we recommend carpooling or a drop-off/pick-up arrangement from a friend or family member.

Tuesday, March 15th

Palmetto's Historic Walking Tours

Date: Tuesday, March 15th

Times: 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park 515 10th Avenue West, Palmetto

Website: www.palmettohistoricalpark.com

Contact: 941-723-4991 / palmettohistoricalpark@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE (pre-registration required)

Event description: This walk, about 2 hours, will highlight some of the historic buildings along the riverfront in Palmetto and includes a tour of the Palmetto Riverside Bed and Breakfast. The Bed and Breakfast was a Sears and Roebuck house, built by town founder's son, J.A. Lamb. Wear comfortable shoes. This is a free tour, but a ticket is required as there are only 15 spaces available per tour. If the tour is full you are welcome to sign up on the waiting list and we will contact you if a space opens up.

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Saturday, March 19th

Families Flock Together: Fantastic Fossils

Date: Saturday, March 18

Hours: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Emerson Point Preserve – Classroom Pavilion 15801 17th Street West
Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/264410297317>

Contact: elena.burke@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036

Cost: FREE

Event Description: Take a step back in time and learn about Florida's fossils! Through hands-on activities and games, we will discover the ancient animals that inhabited Manatee County thousands of years ago. Learn about how fossils are made, and get an up-close look at our unique fossil collection. Program suitable for children and their families. Reservations are required. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/264410297317> . For more information please contact elena.burke@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6036.

Florida Female Pioneers

Date: Saturday, March 19

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Reflections of Manatee Visitors Center 1305 4th Avenue East, Bradenton

Website: www.reflectionsofmanatee.org

Contact: jeanlammie@outlook.com

Cost: FREE event

Event description: Join Dr. Peggy MacDonald as she tells the story of women who have made an impact in the history of Florida. 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 and public historian, Dr. MacDonald is well versed in American history. Videos for other lectures in the series, "Cuban Fishing Ranchos in Florida" and "Life in the Shadow of Slavery: Freedom Found by the Manatee River" can be found on the website www.reflectionsofmanatee.org. A fourth lecture in this series will be April 9th at 1:00pm. "The Privilege of Remaining" will focus on the how the Seminole people view what America remembers at the three Seminole Wars.

Saturday, March 26th

Families Flock Together: Cuban Ranchos

Date: Saturday, March 26

Hours: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Florida Maritime Museum/Cortez Nature Preserve 4415 119th Street West, Cortez, 34215

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/families-flock-together-cuban-ranchos-registration-271045804297>

Contact: sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6044

Cost: FREE

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Event description: Explore the mangroves and estuary habitat of the Cortez Nature Preserve as we discover the lives of Cuban fishermen along Florida's coast. Make crafts and play in the preserve with the whole family as we discuss their lifestyle and obstacles!

Exploren los manglares y el hábitat del estuarino de la Reserva Natural Cortez mientras descubrimos las vidas de los históricos pescadores cubanos a lo largo de la costa de Florida. ¡Hagan manualidades y jueguen en la reserva con toda la familia mientras discutimos su estilo de vida y obstáculos!

This program suitable for children and their families. Families Flock Together is hosted by the Florida Maritime Museum in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources – program takes place at the FMM. Reservations are required. To register please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/271045804297> . For more information, please contact sara.alvarezcollazo@mymanatee.org or call (941) 742-5923 ext. 6044.

About the Manatee County Clerk of the Court

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