



## **Proclamation**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida*

**WHEREAS**, Manatee Heritage Days is celebrating thirty-nine years of introducing Manatee County residents and visitors to local history; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee Heritage Days began in 1979 as a weeklong event and, since 1995, has expanded to a month of activities and events; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County has over two dozen organizations dedicated to preserving our community's history and heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations exist in all areas of our county from Anna Maria Island to Myakka City and from Parrish to Bradenton; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, twenty-three organizations will host forty-seven events throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, visitors to historic sites and cultural attractions stay 53 percent longer and spend 36 percent more money than other kinds of tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, Heritage Tourism generates \$4.13 billion in expenditures and supports 85,562 jobs in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, quality of life issues contribute significantly to decisions businesses make in choosing to relocate, including access to local history experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, knowledge of local history helps new residents assimilate to the community and also reduces crimes such as graffiti and vandalism; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee Heritage Days begins February 26 and runs through March 31.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that March 1-31, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### **MANATEE HERITAGE DAYS**

in Manatee County, Florida.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

*Priscilla Trace, Chairman*

**ATTEST:** Angelina Colonnese  
Clerk of the Circuit Court



February 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #12

Subject

Manatee Heritage Days - March 1-31, 2018

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating March 1-31, 2018, as "Manatee Heritage Days" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Manatee Heritage Days is celebrating 39 years of introducing Manatee County residents and visitors to local history.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

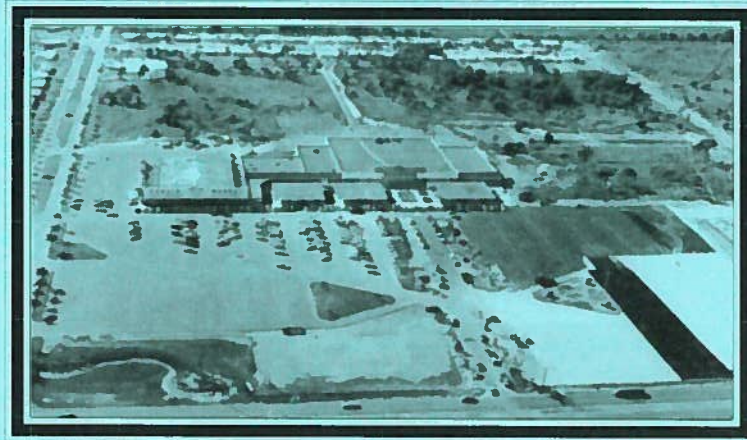
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Manatee County Government Administrative Center  
First Floor, Commission Chambers  
9:00 a.m. - February 13, 2018



# 39th Annual Manatee Heritage Days March 1-31, 2018



**Bayshore Gardens  
c. 1955**

## 2018 Participating Organizations:

Anna Maria Island Historical Society  
Around the Bend Nature Tours  
DeSoto National Memorial  
The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum  
Florida Maritime Museum  
Florida Native Plant Society  
\*Gamble Plantation State Historic Site

Manatee County Agricultural Museum  
\*Manatee County Historical Commission  
\*Manatee County Historical Records Library  
Manatee County Genealogical Society  
\*Manatee County Historical Society  
Manatee County Library System  
Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources  
Manatee Fish and Game

Myakka City Historical Society  
Old Braden River Historical Society  
Palmetto Historical Commission  
Parrish Civic Association & Parrish Arts Council  
Realize Bradenton  
Reflections of Manatee  
\*United Daughters of the Confederacy  
\*Founding Member

## Heritage Days Kick Off Monday, February 26

**HAIRitage & Hops**, sponsored by the Manatee County Historical Commission and 3 Keys Brewery & Eatery, 2505 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton, 5:00-8:00 PM. Celebrate the start of Manatee County's Heritage Days with a kick-off party to benefit historic preservation at Manatee Village Historical Park! This party at 3 Keys Brewery & Eatery will include a Beard and Mustache Competition for kids, adults and pets, with prizes. There will be free make-and-take crafts including a fake beard station for kids and adults, and a chance for kids to bottle their own root beer. FREE admission. Charges for food and drink. Participation in the Beard and Mustache competition is a \$5.00 donation to the Manatee County Historical Commission. For information, call 749-7165 or visit our website at [www.manateevillage.org](http://www.manateevillage.org) or Facebook (@manateevillage).

## Month Long Events

**De Soto National Memorial's Living History program at Camp Uzita** reveals Spanish and Native American life in 16th century Florida. Programs Thursdays-Sundays from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton. Demonstrations by Park Rangers and staff in historic clothing and armor at 10, 11, 1 and 2 bring to life the day to day skills of native villagers and Spanish soldiers in 1539. Park staff members present talks that explain the lasting impact Hernando De Soto had on the history of America and native peoples. FREE! Call (941) 792-0458 or visit [www.nps.gov/deso](http://www.nps.gov/deso).

**Bayshore Gardens: 1955-2018 Exhibit**, South County Library, 6081 26th Street, Bradenton, Tuesday and Thursday, Noon-8:00 PM; Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Historical Exhibit on one of the first planned communities in Florida. FREE! Call

(941) 755-3892 or visit [www.mymanatee.org/library](http://www.mymanatee.org/library).

**Florida Highwaymen Art Exhibit**, Palmetto Historical Park and Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 515 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. West, Palmetto. Tours of the full exhibit are at 2 PM Tuesday – Thursday and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays; Fridays have two tours, 10 AM and 2 PM. The Florida Highwaymen are a small group of African American landscape artists who began painting in the late 1950s. The paintings were then sold out of the trunk of their cars, as the artists went from door to door at homes and business offices or set up shop on a busy corner on the side of the road. Their bright and sultry images of Florida's tropical beauty were sold for as little as twenty or thirty dollars. Today their paintings are widely sought after collectibles. Come out and see the paintings and learn about the Highwaymen - a unique part of Florida history. FREE! Call (941)723-4991 or (941)721-2034.

**100 Years of Manatee Libraries Exhibit**, Eaton Historical Room, Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd., Bradenton, FL, Monday, 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Tuesday, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Wednesday, Noon-8:00 PM; Thursday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Saturday, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Historical Exhibit on the Manatee County's libraries. FREE! Call (941) 748-5555 X6309 [www.mymanatee.org/library](http://www.mymanatee.org/library). **Note: Opens March 8.**

## Daily Events

**Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**Historic Valentine Open House**, Robinson Preserve: 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Visit this 19th century house turned visitor's center. Learn about the history of the Palma Sola area and see photographs of the historic Palmetto home on its river journey to the current location in Robinson Preserve. Explore natural

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## Daily Events, continued

### Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, continued

history exhibits regarding the local flora and fauna and even catch a peek from our live tower camera. **FREE!** For more information, contact (941)742-5923 X6035.

**Downtown Bradenton Farmer's Market**, Historic Main Street or 12th Street West, Bradenton, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The Bradenton Farmer's Market is a place where the community meets each week to enjoy fresh produce, local art, upbeat music, demonstrations by local chefs, and family activities. Parking is free on the weekends and dogs on leashes always welcome. Note: Saturday, March 17, the market expands to include **Mainly Art** with local artists and craftspeople selling their handmade goods. **FREE!** Call (941) 621-6471 or visit [www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com).

**Open Cabin at Jiggs Landing Preserve**, 6106 63rd Street East, Bradenton, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Volunteer docents will take visitors through the historic cabin and tell about the history of Jiggs Landing Fish Camp and the cabins that Jiggs Metcalf built in the 1940's. Please join members of the Old Braden River Historical Society and hear about the history of this beautiful area along the Braden River.

### Friday, March 2

**Pioneer Wagon Tour of Duette Preserve**, 2649 Rawls Road, Parrish, FL, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. Discover over 20,000 acres of Duette restoration and ecosystems and maybe spot a Florida scrub-jay! Travel by wagon with a naturalist tour guide and a Duette native to tell stories about the history of the area. Sponsored by Manatee Fish and Game Association, Manatee County Parks & Natural Resources Department, and Around the Bend Nature Tours. **FREE! Reservations required**, [Duette2018.eventbrite.com](http://Duette2018.eventbrite.com), (941) 794-8773 or [karen@aroundbend.com](mailto:karen@aroundbend.com)

### Saturday, March 3

**Anna Maria Island Historical Society Annual Heritage Day Festival**, AMIHS Museum and Historical Park, 402 Pine Avenue, City of Anna Maria, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. This annual event gives visitors an opportunity to watch local craftsmen demonstrating arts and crafts as practiced by early Island settlers. In addition, there will be a Settlers market with local produce, herbs and Settler's Bread baked by local volunteers and a collectibles tent with items for sale. The museum, Belle Haven Cottage and the surrounding native plant garden will be open for tours. Music, food and games are also part of this annual event. **FREE!** (941) 778-0492

**ArtSlam!** Historic Main Street or 12th Street West, Bradenton, 9:00 AM -4:00 PM. A celebration of youth and creativity. Watch as dozens of teams of students and creatives take art out of the classroom and studios and onto the streets. Engage in the creative process, experience temporary public art, and celebrate the creative youth in Manatee County. **FREE!** [www.realizebradenton.com](http://www.realizebradenton.com) or call (941) 621-6471.

**Rye Preserve Nature Center Open**, 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, 9:00 AM-Noon and 1:00 PM-4:00 PM. We are opening the doors of the newest addition to Rye Preserve. Come view a variety of exhibits that highlight the history of Rye and its uplands habitat. Department staff will take visitors on guided tours of the Center, and lead special hands-on activities related to each exhibit. *Suitable for all ages.* **FREE!** (941) 742-5923 X6039.

**Parrish Heritage Days Parade and Festival with Annual Chili Cook Off.** Parade starts behind the fire department at 10:30 AM, travels up 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue and ends at the Florida Gulf Coast Railroad Museum, 12210 83<sup>rd</sup> Street East, Parrish. Floats, animals, bands and children's groups. The Parade is **FREE!** Festival starts at 11:00 AM and runs until 4:00 PM on the grounds of the Florida Gulf Coast

Railroad Museum. There is a \$10 charge (\$8 in advance) to get into the family friendly festival (children 12 and under are free) where there will be rides, games, food and live music by several local and nationally known bands. To enter a team in the chili cook off (Prize is \$500!), go to [www.parrishchili.com](http://www.parrishchili.com).

### Sunday, March 4

**Gamble Plantation Historic State Park Annual Open House**, one and a half miles west of I-75 (exit #224) on US301, Ellenton, 10:00 AM - 3:00 P.M. 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** of the building. Additionally, the 4<sup>th</sup> Florida Volunteer Infantry will be dressed in military uniforms re-enacting a Confederate encampment. Music, crafts and more await attendees. **FREE!** (941) 723-4536.

**Benefit for the Myakka 1914 Schoolhouse**, 32755 Singletary Road, Myakka City, 4:00 PM (Gates open at 2:00 PM). Herrmann's Royal Lipizzaner Stallions Tribute to Colonel Ottomar Herrmann and benefit for the Myakka City Historical Society's efforts to restore the 1914 Myakka City Schoolhouse. Taste of Myakka, local crafts, demonstrations and historical exhibits. Tickets required, \$20.00 for adult; \$10.00 for child (ages 6-12) and available day of event only at the gate. Free Parking. Stadium seating or bring your own chair for seating around the arena (event and seating outdoors). For information, email [myakkacityschool1914@yahoo.com](mailto:myakkacityschool1914@yahoo.com) or call the Myakka City Historical Society, (941) 322-1304 or (941) 322-1035.

### Tuesday, March 6

**Manatee Genealogical Society** meeting at Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W., Bradenton. 10:00 AM-12:30 PM. Featured speaker is Drew Smith, founder of the *Genealogy Guys Podcast and Genealogy Connection* will present "Using Family Search.org to Find Genealogical Records". **No charge for this event!** The Society welcomes new members. For more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flmgs/> and [www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety) or email [mgs.society@gmail.com](mailto:mgs.society@gmail.com).

### Wednesday, March 7

**Memoir Writing**, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 10:00 -11:30 AM. Memoir Writing offers an opportunity for individuals to write about the significance of their lives and share these with family and friends. The memoirs may emerge in many forms such as prose or poetry, narrative or dialogue, photographs, drawings, diaries and maps or a combination of them all. \$20 class fee. **Registration required by March 6**, class size limited. Call or visit the museum to register, (941) 708-6120 or go to [www.Floridafolkschool.org](http://www.Floridafolkschool.org)

**Walking Tour of Fogartyville**, narrated by Master Boat Builder and Fogartyville resident, Bob Pitt, leaves from Lewis Park, 3100 block of 1st Ave. W., Bradenton, 10:00 AM. This walk will be approximately 2 hours and will highlight some of the historic homes and historic sites in the town once called Fogartyville. Wear comfortable shoes. **FREE!** For more information, call, the Manatee County Historical Records Library, (941) 741-4070.

### Thursday, March 8

**Opening Reception for 100 Years of Manatee Libraries Exhibit**, Eaton Historical Room, Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd., Bradenton, 10:00 AM. Historical Exhibit on the Manatee County's libraries. Turner's Donuts and Coffee will be served. **FREE!** Call (941) 748-5555 or [www.mymanatee.org/library](http://www.mymanatee.org/library).



### Thursday, March 8, continued

**FLORIDA FOSSILS**, Rye Preserve, 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, meet at the pavilion, 10:00 AM-Noon. Learn about Florida's natural history through a variety fossils found in Manatee County. Participants will also take a guided nature walk through the preserve. This program is suitable for participants 16 and older. **FREE!** Register by calling 941-742-5923 X6036, or email [elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org)

### Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10

**Manatee Village Historical Park Guided Walking Tours**, 1404 Manatee Avenue East, (State Road 64) Bradenton, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. (Tours leave on the hour-Last tour departs at 3:00 PM). In celebration of the March opening of Manatee Village's new exhibit on women's history in Florida, two themes will alternate: One will be a general history of the Village of Manatee and the other will celebrate Women's History Month with insights into the impact of women in Manatee County and on historic preservation, particularly women's roles in saving the buildings now located at Manatee Village. Tours last approximately one hour and are led by docents. **FREE!** For information, call (941) 741-4076 or visit: [@manateevillage](https://www.facebook.com/manateevillage) or [www.manateevillage.org](http://www.manateevillage.org)

### Saturday, March 10

**Palmetto Heritage Festival**, Palmetto Historical Park & the Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 515 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. West, Palmetto, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Heritage Station Post Office will be open for business and a special one-day cancellation will be affixed to all outgoing mail. Activities include entertainment, food vendor, crafts, and children's activities. Special exhibits on display include: "Florida Highwayman Art," "Beaches, Benches and Boycotts: The Civil Rights Movement in Tampa Bay," and "Florida Black Cowboys-Past and Present." No admission to event, but there is a charge for the Chicken & Yellow Rice Luncheon to be held at the Woman's Club of Palmetto from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. For information, call (941) 723-4991 or (941) 721-2034.

**Pioneer Chef: Historical Cooking Techniques**, Rye Preserve, 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, meet at the pavilion, 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM Explore the ingredients and cooking techniques of Florida's early settlers. Learn how these pioneers prepped and preserved their food with hands-on demonstrations. **FREE!** *Program suitable for all ages.* Registration is required. Please register by calling (941) 742-5923 or emailing [Aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org](mailto:Aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org).

**Open House at the Curry National Register Museum Homes**, 4th Avenue East between 14th and 12th Streets East, one block north of SR64 in today's East Bradenton, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Join Reflections of Manatee, Board of Directors and volunteers as they showcase the restorations accomplished on the three museums which comprise the Curry Houses National Register Historic District. Visit the 1860 Samuel George Curry house, a living history museum, the 1860 Mary Amelia Curry house, a school teacher's home transformed to exhibit hall, and the newly finished Theodosia Curry Lloyd house, our education and meeting center, restored to its 1925 beauty. **FREE!** Support for the museums is sought through memberships; help us preserve local history by joining or renewing your membership at \$15.00 annually. Donations are also graciously accepted. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact: (941) 746-2035.

**Families Flock Together: Pioneer Games**, Bennett Park, 400 Cypress Creek Blvd., Bradenton, 2:00-4:00 PM. Have you ever wondered about the games pioneers played? Play is an essential part of childhood, but in bygone eras, there were different structured games and no equipment like videogames for amusement. Come learn fun games from old Florida, which will captivate both young and young at heart. *Program suitable for all ages.* **FREE!** Please let us know you are coming, [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org) or (941) 742-5757 X4.

### Monday, March 12

**Manatee Settlement Tour**, 1312 2nd Avenue East off 14th Street East Bradenton 34208, three blocks north of State Road 64, 3:30-5:30 PM. Meet volunteers from Reflections of Manatee, Inc. at the Manatee Mineral Spring Historical Site. Come early to read the interpretive signs placed there. During the two hour walk, that begins and ends at the Spring Park, you will learn about the time periods and people who lived or visited the area from the early 1800s through the Civil War. The tour takes you to three Curry houses, newly named on the National Register of Historic Places. Road parking and handicap facilities are on site. **FREE!** Contributions to the non-profit are greatly appreciated. For more information, call (941) 746-2035.

### Wednesday, March 14

**Painting With A Fish**, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 9:30-11:30 AM. Would you like to learn how to Gyotaku? Join "Painting With A Fish" at the Florida Maritime Museum for a fun modern spin on Gyotaku (Direct Method Fish Rubbings). This unique class includes art instruction, supplies and your own creative fish print. \$35 class fee. **Registration required by March 13**, class size limited. Call or visit the museum to register, (941) 708-6120 or go to [www.Floridafolkschool.org](http://www.Floridafolkschool.org)

**Walking Tour of Downtown Bradenton**, leaves from the Manatee County Historical Records Library at 10:00 AM. This walk, about 2 hours, will highlight historic buildings along Main Street and around the Manatee County Courthouse. Wear comfortable shoes. **FREE!** For more information, call, the Manatee County Historical Records Library, (941) 741-4070.

**Crafty Pioneers: Handbuilding Pottery**, Emerson Point Preserve, 5801 17th Street West, Palmetto, meet at the Pavilion by the Ranger's Station, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Do you enjoy getting muddy and crafty? Slip in to an afternoon of clay creations using the pinch pot and coil pot technique. Explore different decorating styles and learn about the 30,000 year old functional art. *Program suitable for adults ages 16 and older.* **Program fee.** Register or inquire about pricing by calling (941) 742-5757 X4 or email [coral.bass@mymanatee.org](mailto:coral.bass@mymanatee.org)

### Thursday, March 15

**Rye Cemetery Preservation and Beautification**, Rye Preserve, 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, meet at the Pavilion, 8:30-11:00 AM. Volunteer to spruce up the Rye Pioneer Trail and historic burial grounds by removing litter and invasive plants. Then, clean the grave-stones with a special solution to help them shine. *Program suitable for participants age 6 and older.* **FREE!** Register by calling (941) 742-5923 X6035 or email [michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org](mailto:michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org)

**HomeSchool Science Club: Heritage Month Celebration**, Emerson Point Preserve, 5801 17th Street West, Palmetto, meet at the Pavilion by the Ranger's Station, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Join us for a celebration of Emerson Point Preserve's unique human history. In this interactive program, learn about the people who used to call this area home and take a nature hike to explore the rich history of the preserve. *Program recommended for 6-12 year olds, but children of all ages welcome.* **FREE!** Reservations are required, [amy.may@mymanatee.org](mailto:amy.may@mymanatee.org) or call, (941) 742-5923 X6044)

### Saturday, March 17

**Rye Preserve Nature Center Open**, 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, FL, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Grab your marsh tacky, round up your catch dog, and come out for a day of history exploration! Experience the living history of steamboat transportation and the turpentine trade with with games and activities exploring life in Pioneer Florida. Immerse yourself in a variety of exhibits on the history of Rye and the people that made it their home. In addition, the Nature Center will be open to explore the natural history of Florida. *Suitable for all ages.* **FREE!** (941) 742-5923 X6039.



### Saturday, March 17, continued

**Through the Tunnel Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion**, Palmetto Historical Park & the Manatee County Agricultural Museum, Carnegie Library Basement, 515 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. West, Palmetto, 10:00 AM. This film gives a glimpse into the transition from the segregated to integrated school systems of the 1960s in Manatee County. This is shown from the perspective of two legends from that transition, legendary high school football Coach Eddie Shannon and former NFL player, Henry Lawrence, who were part of the All-African-American Lincoln Memorial High School. The school had a strong legacy in the African American community but was shut down to integrate the previously All-White Manatee High School. The confusion, sadness and anxiety of the transition is illustrated through their stories. After viewing the documentary, a panel discussion of documentary participants will take place. **FREE**, but reservations are required, call (941) 721-2034.

**Families Flock Together: Fantastic Fossils**, Emerson Point Preserve, 5801 17th Street West, Palmetto, meet at the Pavilion by the Ranger's Station, 1:00 -3:00 PM. Participants and their families discover the prehistoric animals of Florida through hands-on activities and games. *Program suitable for all ages.* **FREE!** Register by calling (941) 742-5923 X6036 or email [elena.burke@mymanatee.org](mailto:elena.burke@mymanatee.org)

### Wednesday, March 21

**Memoir Writing**, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 10:00 -11:30 AM. Memoir Writing offers an opportunity for individuals to write about the significance of their lives and share these with family and friends. The memoirs may emerge in many forms such as prose or poetry, narrative or dialogue, photographs, drawings, diaries and maps or a combination of them all. \$20 class fee. **Registration required by March 20**, class size limited. Call or visit the museum to register, (941) 708-6120 or go to [www.Floridafolkschool.org](http://www.Floridafolkschool.org)

**Manatee County Historical Society Annual Picnic**, Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Avenue East, Bradenton, FL, 11:30-2:00PM. Bring your own lunch basket or call (941) 748-5788 to request a box lunch (cost for box lunch is \$10). You do not have to be a member of the society to attend. Admission to the park is **Free**.

**Sea Turtles and Shorebirds and Snowbirds, Oh My!**, The Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 3:00 PM. Join Suzi Fox, the Director of Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch, to learn about the species of turtles and snowbirds that visit our local beaches. She will also share how visitors and residents can share the beach with local wildlife year round without having an impact on the species. **FREE!** Call for more information, (941) 708-6120

### Thursday, March 22

**Attracting Native Pollinators**, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 10:00 AM – Noon. Learn how to create a habitat for pollinators in your home garden. Karen Willey, Education Director for the local Florida Native Plant Society will share insights and plant lists with participants. Students will have the opportunity to take home starter plants and cuttings for their home gardens. The butterfly garden and pond planting at the Maritime Museum model what you can do in your own home. \$25 class fee. **Registration required by March 15**, class size limited. Call or visit the museum to register, (941) 708-6120 or go to [www.Floridafolkschool.org](http://www.Floridafolkschool.org)

**"Doc Anna: Swamp Doctor of Florida"**, Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Avenue East, Bradenton, 5:30 PM. Carrie Sue Ayvar portrays Anna Darrow, second woman doctor licensed in Florida. She braved swampland, alligators, snakes, and outlaw gangs to heal the sick, nurse the wounded, and deliver babies. This program is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the Florida Department State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. **FREE!** (941) 749-7165.

### Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25

**Five Centuries of Florida History**, Desoto National Memorial, 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM. Come experience 500 years of Florida history. More than 30 reenactors from all over Florida will portray men and women from Florida's extensive history. All time periods set up camps and displays with historical talks and demonstrations throughout the weekend. **FREE!** To learn more please call (941)792-0458 or visit us at [www.nps.gov/deso](http://www.nps.gov/deso) or Facebook at De Soto National Memorial.

### Saturday, March 24

**Net Mending**, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 8:30 -11:30 AM. Join Nathan Meschelle, a local Cortez fisherman, to learn the traditional net mending skills that were commonly used throughout Florida and are still in practice within the Village of Cortez. \$25 class fee plus \$15 supply fee. **Registration required by March 17**, class size limited. Call or visit the museum to register, (941) 708-6120 or go to [www.Floridafolkschool.org](http://www.Floridafolkschool.org)

### Monday, March 26-Wednesday, March 28

**DeSoto Ranchero Fishing Clinics**, Desoto National Memorial, 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton, 9:00 AM –1:00 PM. Half day fishing classes for all ages. Learn everything needed to start this new hobby that has been taking place in the park for hundreds of years! **FREE!** To learn more please call (941)792-0458 or visit us at [www.nps.gov/deso](http://www.nps.gov/deso) or Facebook at De Soto National Memorial.

### Tuesday, March 27

**Walking Tour of Palmetto**, leaves from the Palmetto Historical Park, 10th Avenue and 6th Street West, Palmetto, 2:00 PM. This walk, about 2 hours, will highlight some of the historic buildings along the riverfront in Palmetto and includes a tour of the Palmetto Riverfront 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. **FREE! Reservations are required, there are only 30 spaces available. First come, First served.** Email the Agricultural Museum to make reservations, [agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com](mailto:agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com)

### Thursday, March 29

**Historic House Tour**, 1112 Riverside Drive, Palmetto, 2:00 PM. Participate in a guided tour of the Alkire home on the Palmetto riverfront. Built in 1899 by Julius Lamb, Palmetto's founder, it was later purchased in the 1920s by John Pope Harlee of the "tomato Harlees." Beautifully restored by the current home owners, their gracious tour allows you a look inside one of Palmetto's most beautiful historic homes. Navigating stairways is necessary to see the entire home. Wear comfortable shoes. **FREE! Reservations are required, there are only 30 spaces available. First come, First served.** Parking instructions will be provided when making a reservation. Email the Agricultural Museum to make reservations, [agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com](mailto:agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com)

### Saturday, March 31

**Native American Experience at Emerson Point Preserve**, Emerson Point Preserve, 5801 17th Street West, Palmetto, meet at the Pavilion by the Ranger's Station, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM. Step back in time as we explore Florida's past and discover what life was like for Native Americans who once lived here. We will learn about many of the skills practiced by Florida's early inhabitants and their way of life during a walk through the site of an early Native American settlement. We will also discuss the transformation the state has experienced throughout the years and gain a new perspective about the place where we live. *Program suitable for participants ages 6 and older.* **FREE!** Register by calling (941) 742-5923 X6035 or email [michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org](mailto:michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org)



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