



A Message from the President-Connie Kone

At the St. Petersburg Museum of History we have been talking about how to preserve the memories that people have of growing up in St. Petersburg. It occurred to us that as a first step, it would be exciting to find present day descendents of our early families.

We are therefore asking the community to provide us with information including the year that your family was first present in St. Petersburg, what jobs or businesses they had, and how many family members are still in St. Petersburg.

We plan to have a Wine and Cheese gathering in February '09 to honor the folks that we find. We will swap stories and perhaps view a few pictures or artifacts from the early days. Please call with your information and tell others.

Of course, we need a contact name and number. Please call the museum (727) 894-1052 Ext. 200, and leave a message for President of the Board of Trustees Connie Kone or Founding Families Committee, we will have one of our interviewers call you.

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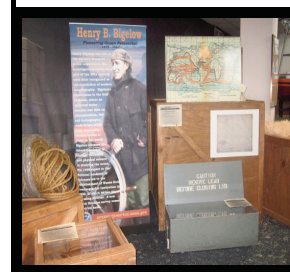
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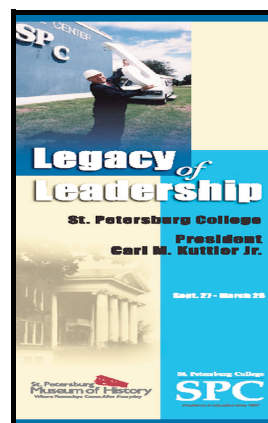
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Treasures of NOAA's Ark Open Now through November 28

It is difficult to talk about weather, water, climate and commerce without discussing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and its ancestor agencies, the U.S. Coast Survey, U.S. Weather Bureau, and U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries. NOAA has in its care a wealth of resources that recall the agency's proud history and dedicated service to the Nation. These include maps, charts, photographs, books, scientific instruments and other artifacts—some centuries old. NOAA is also the steward of large-scale historic and cultural resources, such as buildings and shipwrecks. These resources are of immense value not only to NOAA but also to the American people—their true owners.

In 1807, President Thomas Jefferson signed the law authorizing the Survey of the Coast. This is the oldest NOAA component and mandate. In fact, NOAA just celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Coast Survey in 2007. **Come see the NOAA exhibit which highlights "Pioneers: People and Technology." Eight pioneers, past and present, are featured along with their significant contributions to our understanding of land, sea and sky.** The museum has partnered with the Pier Aquarium to bring education programs with this exhibit. Visit the website at www.spmoh.org for more information.



St. Petersburg College Exhibit Opens to the Public Sept. 28

The St. Petersburg Museum of History will feature an exhibit on the history of St. Petersburg College and the legacy of President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. from Sept. 28 through March 28. The exhibit, titled St. Petersburg College: A Legacy of Leadership, features milestones in the college's more than 80-year history, from its founding as a private, two-year institution in two rooms at St. Petersburg High through its transition to a public, two-year community college. Its present role as a four-year institution is a model for community colleges across Florida and the country.

The exhibit premieres with a fundraising barbecue at the Farley Mansion in St. Petersburg on Saturday, September 27 from 6 until 10 pm and opens to the public Sept. 28. Join Jenn Holloway, Bay News 9 Anchor who will be hosting the barbecue. RSVP by calling (727) 894-1052, ext. 200 or visit www.spmoh.org for more info.



St. Petersburg Museum of History Guild invites you to a Wine & Cheese guild recruitment on Thursday, October 23, 2008, from 5 pm-until 7 pm.

Bring a friend and join the museum's guild.

Contact Guild President, Sparky Paradis at 727-946-7916 to RSVP.

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Photos from Diversity in Aviation Art Exhibit



(Top) Louise Kleba of NASA



Message from the Director

What a summer! This year's "Diversity in Aviation Juried Art Show and Family Day" was a huge success. Over three thousand people enjoyed the paintings sent in by over 25 artists for the six-week exhibition run and on August 10th, the day of the awarding of prizes. Over 1,200 Florida residents attended the fun-filled day of lectures by accomplished women from NOAA (LTJG Jackie Almeida) and from NASA (Engineer Louise Kleba). The Tampa Bay Rays Street Team provided a batting cage and the Aviation Center Academy of Lakeland brought their Flight Simulator for everyone to try. Atwaters Catering provided discounted food during the event.

Thanks to all those who made it happen. Museum events like this bear witness to the community's support. Thanks to Ann Taylor, Joe Pugliano, and Harriett Strum who provided scholarship money to our middle school, high school and non-professional adult artist winners. The top prize went to Lonnie Pickett of Cape Cod, Massachusetts!

A Cultural Tourism Grant from the Pinellas County Cultural Affairs Department and the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Visitors and Convention Center made the marketing of this event possible. The County, through the Educational Outreach Grant from contributions of St. Pete Times employees, also made our Educational Programs accessible to families who could not otherwise afford to attend.

Thanks to our hard working Marketing Director, Rinita Anderson, who orchestrated the whole project and to ALL our volunteers. It was delightful to watch our four High School interns (Chris, Miguel, Kayla and Harold) who were completing Bright Futures Scholarship community service requirements this summer. They designed and set-up the exhibit with lots of youthful vigor and chatter. All the wonderful volunteers, our own speakers, Bob Guckenberger and Dr. Warren Brown, made the day fun and enlightening. We are another step closer to 2014, the 100th anniversary celebration of the maiden flight of the world's first airline – just 6 more years to go!

We look forward to even more educational programs this coming holiday season now that we have a new Education Curator, Nevin Sitler. Again, thank you very much to those who support us and those who responded to our Annual Appeal. See you at the barbecue for Dr. Carl Kuttler!

Dr. George Banez

The Museum's programs are funded in part by: 1) the Pinellas County Commission through the Pinellas County Cultural Affairs Grant Program; 2) the Historical Museum's Grants-In-Aid Program, Division of Cultural Affairs, Fl. Dept. of State; 3) the City of St. Petersburg; 4) Visit Florida-The St. Petersburg/Clearwater Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Pinellas Community Foundation.

Upcoming Exhibits & Events

Sept. 28-March 2009
St. Petersburg College: A Legacy of Leadership Exhibit



October 16, 2008-
January 9, 2009
Advertising the
City of St. Petersburg Exhibit

January 16, 2008-March 2009
A Tribute to St. Pete. –
Plein Air Impressionist Paintings Exhibit

February 2009
St. Petersburg Founding Families, a Gathering
event planned to launch
the "First Families" project.



April 17, 2008-Sept. 2009
Music of St. Pete. Exhibit

April 2009-August 2009
Greater Pinellas Point Community Exhibit



St. Petersburg Museum of History Has New Education Curator!

Message from the Education Curator himself

Greetings, friends and colleagues. It seems fitting that my diverse career path and education has brought me to the St. Petersburg Museum of History. Having been associated with the Museum over the past four years, in a variety of paid and volunteer positions, I am honored to serve as Education Curator for St. Petersburg's oldest museum. Indeed, it is a privilege to be a member of this community, and assist in the collection, preservation and communication of Florida's rich heritage and colorful history.

With a new school year upon us, and grand goals of implementing a county-wide school tour program, the St. Petersburg Museum of History is on its way to become the educational resource center for our great city, and the Pinellas Peninsula. In fact, I ask that you show your support on October 18th and November 8th, 2008 at 11 a.m. by attending two captivating lectures by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) experts, Kyle Baker and Daniel Noah. RSVPs are requested. Visit the Museum of History before then. After all, this is *your* city and *your* museum. Join us as we grow!

Best,
Nevin D. Sitler, MLA, Education Curator, SPMOH

Scott Taylor Hartzell, Longtime Archives Researcher

Scott Taylor Hartzell, longtime St. Petersburg resident and a well-known historian of the area, passed away in August. Hartzell, who was renowned in local historical circles, spent countless hours in the archives of the St. Petersburg Museum of History and was the author of three books about the city: *Remembering St. Petersburg, Florida: Sunshine City Stories*, and *Remembering St. Petersburg, Florida, vol. 2: More Sunshine City Stories*, both published in 2006. He also wrote a history column for the *St. Petersburg Times* about the city's early years. In 2002, he published *St. Petersburg: An Oral History* for the Voices of America series, a compilation of selected articles from his weekly St. Petersburg Times column, which told stories of both heroes and villains from the earlier days of the city. "Scott was a gentle soul who spent many years mining little nuggets out of social history," said University of South Florida history professor Raymond O. Arsenault. "He had a knack for uncovering local characters and important episodes of local lore." When he was a student at USF, he wrote for the *Crow's Nest*, the student paper on the USF St. Petersburg Campus. Hartzell was also a fellow in the Florida Studies Program at the St. Petersburg Campus. In past years, he also spoke at the Poynter Library and participated in the Alumni Authors Book Exhibit during USF St. Petersburg's 40th Anniversary celebration. Recently he had courageously endured a number of medical challenges. A genial, stout-hearted, and humble individual – who loved his Alma Mater, Scott will be greatly missed.

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