



CAPE CORAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY Preserving Our City's History



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EXCERPTS FROM ‘EBENEZER SCROOGE’

Cultural Park Theatre will proudly present excerpts from the world premier of

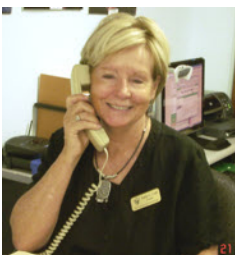


“Ebenezer Scrooge”:
Veteran Cultural Park
Theatre, actor/performer
Robert Feigenblatt, has
adapted the story and
written the music and
lyrics for the musical based

upon the Dickens’ classic. Its a show that will surely warm your heart and brighten the holiday season.

A wine and cheese reception will follow. We have invited early residents and they will be on hand to sign your copy of “Images of Cape Coral” as well as Chris Wadsworth, Author and Anne Cull, Co-Author.

Don’t miss this special program and enjoy some holiday cheer with your fellow members. Everyone welcome, no reservations required, and no admission fee. Call 772-7037 for further information.



CURATOR CULL’S CORNER:

It is exciting to see how our museum is being recognized as a viable area tourist attraction; so far we have had many more visitors than in previous years and it bodes well for the rest of the season. Our participation in [Smithsonian Magazine’s Annual Museum Day](#) gave us a boost and an enjoyable day for all. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped so much that day.

Sales have been brisk for the new Cape Coral book “Images of Cape Coral” thanks to Chris Wadsworth’s excellent presentation; we hope to continue selling with proceeds benefiting the Historical Society. Let’s get into the spirit of the season by planning to attend the Christmas program. You will have another opportunity to buy the book and to have yours signed by the author and even some early residents. A nice way to meet your fellow members and socialize with a glass of wine and some cheese.

I hope you recognize and enjoy the new format of our newsletters; Carolyn Zenoniani has done an excellent job in designing it and as always we appreciate her.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday and lots of good wishes for a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year.



Anne



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VETERANS DAY PARADE

Our deepest gratitude to Bob Crane for letting us use his two antique cars in the veteran’s day parade. The other driver was Brendan Ward with our President Paul Sanborn as a passenger. We do thank you all so much for helping us in this patriotic endeavor.



Condolences

We send our deepest sympathy to David and Cathron Dodrill on the recent loss of their 18 year old son Stephen who was killed in an ATV accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time

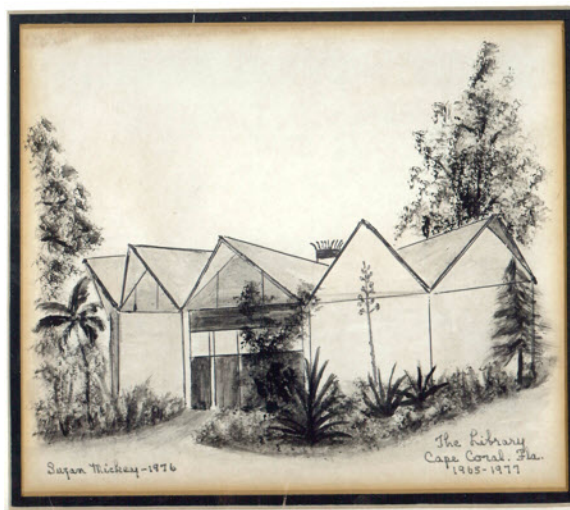
IT WAS THE MONTH OF...



DECEMBER 1961 when the community of Cape Coral received the first issue of the [Cape Coral Breeze](#). The print communication before this time was a regular column in the [Ft. Myers News Press](#) written by Sally Crawford and two to four bulletins of news a week from the community relations office, written by Richard Crawford. Ft. Myers cancelled the column and the couple combined their efforts and Printed the first Gulf Breeze on May 22, 1961. When that reached 20 mimeographed pages and free advertisements because it was owned by Gulf American, community businessmen decided to start a regularly printed newspaper. Crawford resigned from Gulf American and he and his wife became the sole owners of the Cape Coral Breeze. Visit the Newspaper display in the Kelly Building to see other publications that were available during those early years.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Rotunda building that currently houses the [Arts Studio](#) on Coronado Blvd. was built as a visitor center for the Cape Coral Model Village on Wakiki St.. The completely circular interior's major feature was a huge, ceramic tile pillar in the center. Visitors could view every detail of construction by going in a cut-a-way model home built inside the Rotunda. They also could view a display of every model home available to them. The rotunda building was moved several times and eventually used as Cape Coral's library. Visit our Model Home display in the Gulf American Building and learn where the other Model Villages were located in the Cape.

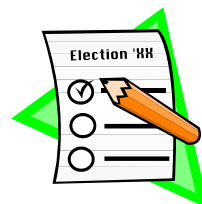


Please remember to shop at the Museum Gift Shop. We have available many unique items such as books on local history, Burrowing Owl T-Shirt and mugs, Cape Coral "WATERFRONT WONDERLAND" license plates, Cape Coral coffee mugs, jewelry, some children's items, DVDs and etc. Remember to purchase your copy of our latest book, "IMAGES OF CAPE CORAL" by Author, Chris Wadsworth and Co-Author, Anne Cull our Curator. This book will also be available at our monthly general meetings.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Slates of nominees were presented to our membership for re-election by Pat Emerson, Nominating Committee Chairman. Elections will be held at our December meeting. Thank you to Cliff Herdman who is resigning after many years of dedicated service; no one has contributed more to the museum than Cliff with his attention to the Rose Garden and serving many years as Treasurer, a job well done!



Mark Your Calendar

- December 8** - 2:30 Christmas Program Cultural Park Theater
- January 8 & 9** - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Trash-Treasure Sale at Museum
- January 16** - 10 AM to 4PM Atocha Coins Sunken Treasure Presentation & MuseumTours
- January 17** - 1PM to 4PM Atocha Display
- January 22** - [Bus Trip to Miami](#) Leaving Museum at 6:45 AM
- February 9** - General Meeting- 2:30 PM
Woody Hanson "Journey of the Medicine Man"
- February 27** - 10 AM to 4 PM [Burrowing Owl Festival](#) at Rotary Park

DON'T THROW IT AWAY

Remember the Historical Society if you have anything of historical value about Cape Coral. All donations are greatly appreciated



Visit our Gift Shop



For

UNIQUE GIFTS AND NO LINES!!

NEW ARRIVALS:

Journals of Military History Quarterlies \$5.00 Each

Decorative Hand Painted Bavarian Plates From Germany

New Pictorial History Book of Cape Coral

PLUS

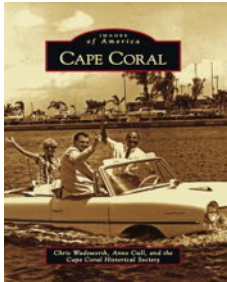


Many other books for adults and children:

Cape Coral Coffee Mugs, Shirts, Hats

Cape Coral License Plates

Cape Coral Videos and DVDs



OPEN WED, THUR, SUN, 1- 4 PM



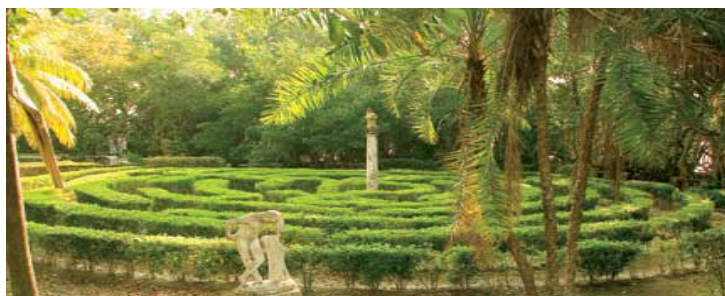
JOIN US ON A TOUR OF... VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS

(See next page for details)

The Gilded Age refers to a period of American history between the end of the Civil War or the post-Reconstruction era and the Great Depression. Because of the vast economic growth caused by the industrial revolution, the Gilded Age was characterized by extreme wealth and prosperity.



1910 industrialist James Deering started making plans to build his dream palace in a primeval jungle of the pioneer area of Miami. A wealthy bachelor of rich and refined taste he dedicated the rest of his life to creating one of the greatest estates in America, Vizcaya.



Visit the website http://www.channel2.org/vizcaya/gilded_age.html

For a peek at what you'll see!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL BUS TRIP To The Famous Vizcaya Museum and Gardens In Miami, Florida



Seats are limited, so reserve your seat early!!
Please join us on Friday, January 22, 2010
Boarding the bus will begin at 6:45 AM
Leaving promptly at 7:00 AM Cost is \$50.00 per person

Please complete this form and mail your check payable to
Cape Cape Coral Historical Society
PO Box 150637 Cape Coral, FL 33915

NAMES:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

Please circle your choice of a box lunch: **Turkey Cranberry Wrap** or **House Roast Beef**
Call Shirley O'Donnell for any questions 239-945-4201
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS INTERESTING & FUN DAY!



COMING IN JANUARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TRASH TO TREASURE SALE



HELD JOINTLY WITH
THE CULTURAL PARK THEATER

JANUARY 8 and 9, 2010
8:00 to 1:00 pm

The Museum is now accepting donations for the sale
OR

Accepting reservations to rent a space for \$10.00

So clean out those closets & cupboards

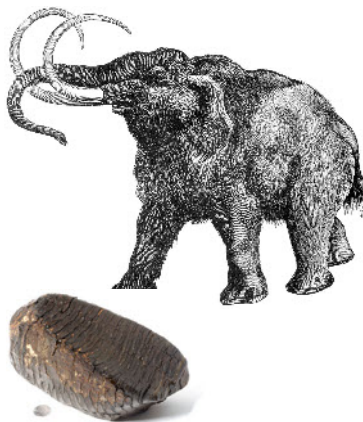
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Support your local Museum



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WHO SAID THE CAPE IS TOO YOUNG TO HAVE A HISTORY!



On Sunday Nov. 8th the Charles Nelson family had their family reunion with many of them coming from many miles away. On their agenda was a tour of our museum. They were especially thrilled to see artifacts from the Nelson homestead and the history of their homestead in Cape Coral. A special donation of a WOOLLY MAMMOTH TOOTH was made to the museum. It was found near Del Prado Boulevard in the vicinity of St Andrew's Church. This artifact was found by Mrs. Charles (Betty) Nelson at the time the canals were being dug in that area. We have the tooth on display in the Kelly Building and encourage you to come and take a look.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Individual \$15. Family \$20. Organization \$30.
Corporate \$500. (3 Yr. Member)



Make checks payable to: Cape Coral Historical Society and Mail to:
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NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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Please return by January 15, 2010

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The Historical Society is a non-profit organization that depends on members/volunteers to provide services for the public regarding the Historical Museum.

Your help is appreciated. Thank You!

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Please share the form below with someone who you think would be interested in supporting the Cape Coral Historical Society/Museum

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