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Preserving Our City's History



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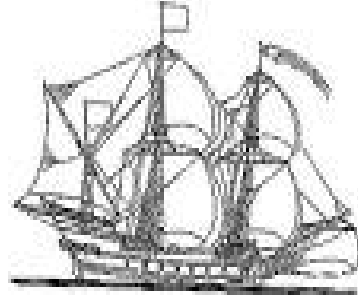
**388 YEAR OLD COINS TO
BE AT MUSEUM**

The famous [Mel Fisher](#) "Atocha" coins recovered from the shipwrecked "Neustra Senora de Atocha, a Spanish galleon that was carrying gold and silver coins and bars from the new world to Spain in 1622 are coming to the Cape Coral Historical Museum, Saturday and Sunday, January 16th and January 17th, 2010.

On September 6, 1622 the "Atocha" was sunk by a hurricane while sailing near the Florida Keys. Mel Fisher's salvage company, Treasure Salvors, retrieved these authentic coins along with other memorabilia to be displayed at the museum. Prior to the coin display within the Museum, a very informative presentation by Florida State Park Ranger Scott Murray, a former diver with the Mel Fisher group, will give an exciting overview of the actual discovery of the sunken treasure through rare photos. Murray's presentation will start at 10 AM., SATURDAY ONLY at the Cape Coral Cultural Park Theater, 528 Cultural Park Boulevard. The large number of coins with historical authentication will be available for viewing Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 11 AM. to 4 PM. at the museum, 544 Cultural Park Boulevard and Sunday, January 17, 2010 from 1 PM. to 4 PM.

You will be able to actually hold a 388 year old coin in your hand, a rare opportunity. This event is free to everyone, no reservations required, but seating at the theater is limited. Contributions to the Historical Museum gladly accepted.

JOIN US



Saturday,

Jan. 16, 2010

10:00 to 4:00 PM

**Cultural Park Theater
528 Cultural Park Blvd.
and**

Sunday January 17

1:00 to 4:00 PM

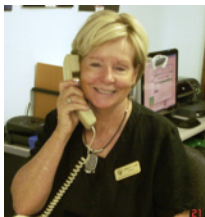
at the

Cape Coral

Historical Museum



CURATOR CULL'S CORNER:



Things are looking very festive at the museum now that the season is in full swing. We have had an overwhelming response to our new book "Images of America, Cape Coral". Many were purchased as Christmas gifts for family members and visitors.

If you have not cleaned out your closets, now is the time to donate to the Historical Society any items that you will not be using. The Trash to Treasure sale is coming up in January so it would be a good time to give to a worthy cause.

The wine and cheese reception in December was a big hit with over 100 attendees including many early residents. What a great way to share the spirit of the season! Our helpers that made it possible were Barbara Peet, Shirley O'Donnell, Pat Emerson, Audrey Benninghoff, Suzanne Miranda, Carolyn Zenoniani, Chris Wadsworth and always in top form our President, [Paul Sanborn](#). Under Michael Moran's direction, Cultural Park Theatre gave us a wonderful rendition of "Ebenezer Scrooge". We are always grateful to Michael and his continuing support of the Historical Society. Thank you to everyone who helped especially [Wine Styles](#) of Cape Coral for the discounted wine and [Cabot Cheese](#) from Vermont who supplied all of the cheese at no cost.

Anne



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IT WAS THE MONTH OF...



.....January in 1944 that the Slater Mill shut down and the land was used primarily for agriculture and cattle raising. The Mill was established in 1925 and by 1929 the Camp Lumber Company increased the capacity to more than 100,000 board feet per day. Much of the land they deforested is what we now know as Cape Coral. Visit the Gulf American Building to see Home-steaders that resided in this area before Cape Coral and how the Rosen's acquired land to build their city.



DID YOU KNOW

.... the current [Perkins Restaurant](#) on Cape Coral Parkway was the site of the Surfside Restaurant. With its elegant pink and turquoise décor, it opened to the public on August 8, 1959. It served delicious meals seven days a week at reasonable prices. The specialty of the house was a Beef Wagon where roast



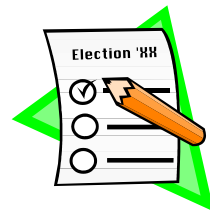
beef was carved in the presence of diners. Another feature was a Sunday, after church special for \$1.75. A businessman's lunch was featured every day for \$1.00. Visit the Gulf American Bldg. to see the Nautilus/Surfside display and some other amazing prices!

Mark Your Calendar

- 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 & Museum Tours
- 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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We thank all of the dedicated people who worked diligently all year to make our organization the success it is. A special thank you to Chris Schroder our outgoing treasurer for his support and loyalty to the Cape Coral Historical Society and as mentioned last month to Cliff Herdman, past treasurer and long time Director.



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.



DON'T THROW IT AWAY

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



Meet Your Officers And Directors for 2010



Paul Sanborn
President



Carolyn Zenonian
Vice President



Merna Stein
Treasurer



Doris Herdman
Secretary



Fred Cull



Barbara Peet



Cye Budde



Pat Emerson



Neva King



Frank Grieco



Ron Metz



Warren Bush



Wayne Kirkwood

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:
PO Box 150637, Cape Coral, FL 33990

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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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CAPE CORAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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

And

Support your local Museum



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OUR ANNUAL BAKELESS BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today
A Bakeless Bake Sale is on the way.
In these busy, rushing day, who wants to bake?

Pies, cookies or even cake?

Baking for sales is extra work,

Yet nobody really wants to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,

And feel quite sure you'll understand.

In a little envelope please put the price,

Of a pie or cake or something nice.

Without fuss or bother you've done your part

We hope you'll give with a willing heart.

This is the end of our little tale,

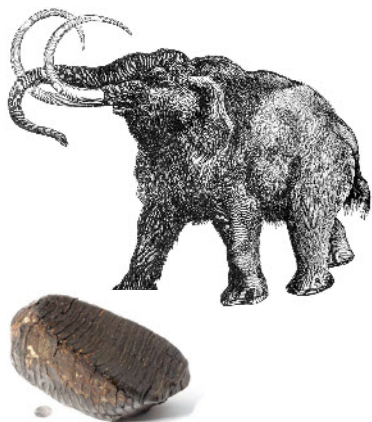
Wishing success for our **Bakeless Bake Sale!**

Make checks payable to:

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P O BOX 150637

CAPE CORAL, FL 33915



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

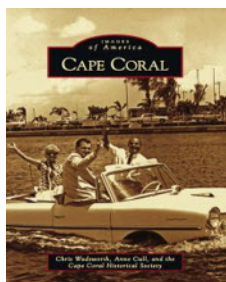
PLUS

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

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



On Sunday Nov. 8, 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.