



CAPE CORAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Preserving Our City's History



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SEMINOLE WARS

From the beginnings of European colonization down through the present day, the presence and status of Native Americans has created controversy. This lecture presented by Professor David T. Childress will deal with those Native Americans we call Seminoles and the causes, conduct, and consequences of two of the three wars waged by the United States against them: The First Seminole war, 1817-1818; and the Second Seminole War, 1835-1842. Other topics addressed will include the issue of Indian Removal, foreign intrigue, slavery and some of the more notable persons involved in this period of American and Florida History.

Dr Childress, Professor Emeritus of History at Jacksonville State University, was born in Memphis, Tennessee and grew up in Tennessee, Florida, Oklahoma and Mississippi. He graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, and received his commission in the United States Army as an infantry officer. Upon leaving the Army, he earned both a master's degree and a doctorate in History at Mississippi State University. In addition he conducted post-doctoral studies at the United States Military Academy. He taught graduate and undergraduate classes for some thirty-five years, specializing in the academic areas of: American Frontier History; American Military History; and Sectional conflict, Civil War and Reconstruction History.

He and his wife, the former Martha Kathryn Kerr of Greenwood, Mississippi, moved to the Fort Myers area in 2002 to be nearer their son David.

Come prepared to be enthralled by the presentation of this well qualified individual; don't forget to invite family and friends for a good turnout for this interesting program.

GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday ,
May 11, 2010 2:30 PM
Cultural Park Theater
528 Cultural Park Blvd.**

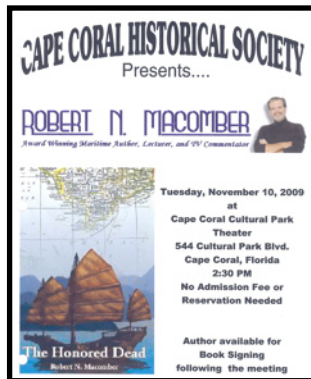


Mark Your Calendar

**May 11, 2010 Seminole Wars
By Ted Childress, PH.D**

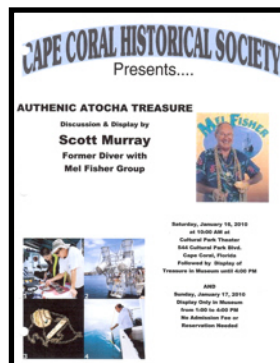
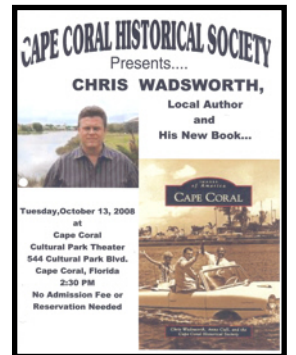
CURATOR CULL'S CORNER:

What a year it was! It has been such an enjoyable experience seeing all of you over the season and sharing our celebrations and events from Smithsonian Magazine's National Day at our museum to the introduction of the new book "Images of America, Cape Coral" by Chris Wadsworth and yours truly,



Robert Macomber's new novel,
'The Honored Dead',

To a fabulous Christmas show
'Ebenezer Scrooge'
presented by Cultural Park Theatre.



We started the New Year with a very successful yard sale, then on to a display of Lou Tilley's 'Atocha Coins'



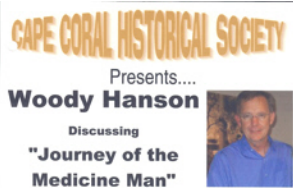
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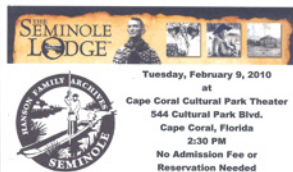
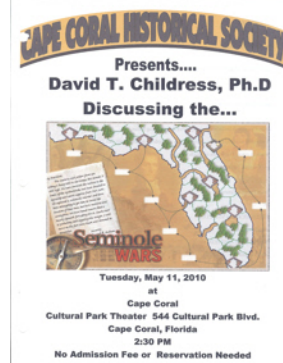
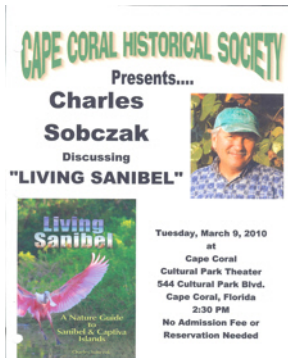
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Woody Hansen gave us a talk on the "Journey with the White Medicine Man"



and Charles Sobczak delighted us with "Sanibel Living".



John 'Giddyup' Bunch was next with 'Operation Open Arms' and his fishing tales.

Last but not least we will be welcoming back **David T. Childress, Ph.D** who will present us with an excellent account of 'The Seminole Wars'.

Already I am looking at programs to begin in October so please let me know if you have seen or heard any great presentations as we are always open for suggestions. The museum closes in July and August and we take this time to start or catch up on projects. For those of you leaving for the summer, have a safe time and I look forward to seeing you again in the fall. Remember to shop at the museum gift shop before you leave as you may find the unique gift you are looking for to take with you. We will resume the newsletter in September.

Anne



CELEBRATE CAPE CORAL PARADE

Again, Bob Crane provided his antique cars to represent the Museum.



Early Residents, Mary Harborn Stark, Mrs. Kirkwood, Betty and Jimmy Nelson, Paul Sanborn, Gloria Tate and Elmer Tabor rode the lead float with cutouts of the Rosen Brothers and Kenny Schwartz on board too.

IT'S A GRAND OLD FLAG

...And it is now a high flying flag hoisted onto the flagpole in the Rose Garden in front of the museum. Warren Bush, Frank Grieco, and Paul Sanborn, with board members standing by to pay their respects, did the honors.

Paul Sanborn was instrumental in arranging for LCEC to install and donate a light and power pole so that we have a light shining on the American Flag at night. We are very proud to fly the flag and thank Paul and LCEC for their help.

IT WAS THE MONTH OF...



.....May to June 1963 that the Route 66 project, a complete movie studio on wheels, and the only TV series that filmed entirely on location, came to Cape Coral. The movie starred Martin Milner, Glenn Corbett (shown at left), Rip Torn and Albert Salmi. The actor's families accompanied them and the Milner Family occupied a home on Dolphin Dr. that was given up happily by the KetrIDGE Family for the month. Visit the Gulf American Building to view many other celebrities that visited the Cape.

DID YOU KNOW

Paul Sanborn, our City Historian and president of the Cape Coral Historical Society, was in charge of the Cape Coral Security Force? In 1960 the Cape Coral Security Force was formed with five deputized officers and one police car. The force was maintained and paid for by the Cape Coral developers as a service to the residents...a few years later the Sheriff of Lee County assigned Deputy Val Everly to those duties. Visit the Police and Fire Dept. displays in the Kelly Building to view the history of each organization and some of their equipment.



**CAPE CORAL REALTORS
TOUR THE MUSEUM**

Pat Emerson and Roger Dunning were tour guides for more than 40 Realtors. Nancy Dunning, Director of the Cape Coral Association of Realtors coordinated the Event and Paul Sanborn, our President, presented his slide show at the Cultural Park Theater prior to the tour.



Fred and Anne Cull, Suzanne Miranda and Pat Emerson had a booth at the Fair and made sure all that attended got an overview of our Museum.



HELP WANTED...

We have found Cape Coral's phone books over the years provide a valuable research source. We have been able to identify many early businesses and their locations. Visitors have been able to locate homes of early residents or family members. We have many years in our Reference Library but need your help in locating the following years: 1963, 1972, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2001, & 2002. If you find any of these, please bring them to the Museum or call 772-7037 for pick-up.

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

GROWING VERY NICELY

We are so pleased to say that along with the museum expansion we are also enjoying an increase in membership to the Cape Coral Historical Society. With the various programs and events and tours we have hosted, we are attracting many more visitors as well as recruiting new members.

Board member, Pat Emerson has done an excellent job as Membership Chairman, keeping our mailing list and records up to date. We now have well over 300 members which bodes well for the future as it this continuity that keeps our organization healthy and flourishing.

This is a fitting time to say THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who work so diligently throughout the year. We appreciate each and every one of you and find it a great privilege to work with you.



...we are always looking for new members, so over this summer tell your friends about the Museum and Society and encourage them to become a member.

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Individual \$15. Family \$20. Organization \$30.

Corporate \$500. (3 Yr. Member)

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