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# HHH Newsletter

## Museum & Education Center

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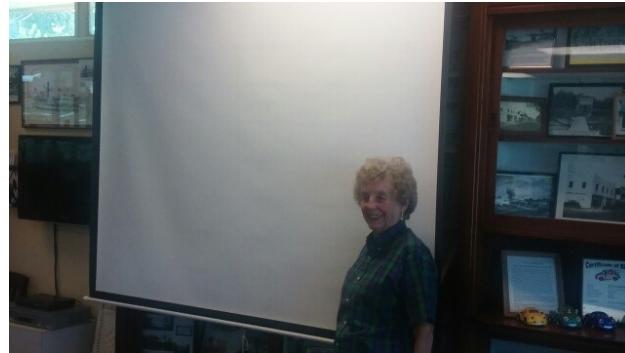
### Mainstreet Bank Features Photos of Historic Holly Hill

The Mainstreet Community Bank held its grand opening of its first east Volusia Branch located in Holly Hill on July 16th. The Mainstreet Community Bank enlarged and beautifully framed photos for the bank's décor. Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society helped provide photos and history. The large crowd enjoyed viewing and discussing the photos. Stop by and view them at the Mainstreet Community Bank at 1812 Ridgewood Avenue.

Right: Staff show off a picture of the Riviera Hotel which was located across from the bank. L to R: Jenn Reiter, Charmin Stumpf, Mike Thomas, Sandy Pepper, Dianne Hams, Jessie Looman.



### Museum Installs New Projection Screen



The Holly Hill History Museum now has a new projection screen. The museum has needed this item for programs for a long time. The screen had its debut at the Hurst Elementary Slide Show Part II on July 27th. The second set of never shown slides provided a lot of laughs and memories. Enough donations were received that the Historic Society Board agreed to purchase an Imagebox that will convert slides, filmstrips and more to digital format. The Hurst slides will be converted first and then a DVD of the hundreds of slides will

be available for purchase for everyone to enjoy at anytime. The ImageBox can also be easily transported to copy photos at other locations that people are not able to bring in or donate.

### Membership Meeting

The Annual Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society, Inc. held its annual Corporate meeting on September 28th. The entire Board of Directors was reinstated. Congratulations. President Flowers reported on all the accomplishments of the past year. She also announced that the Museum has signed a new three years lease with the City of Holly Hill. Please get involved and lets grow with even more memberships this coming year. We need your help to continue this great endeavor.



Right: Polly Cappuccio swears in the Board Dean Wiggins, Steve Smith, Rentha Flowers & Wanda Mor-

## Upcoming Events

Holly Hill Historic Society Presents

### Historic Tour of Homes

Nov 21, 2015  
10AM to 3PM

Tickets \$15 each.  
Tickets available at a Museum

Tour features historic homes:  
River Lilly Inn/Mabbette House,  
Bill McCoy House, Peterson House  
plus the Downtown Grabe Building,  
Union Church, Merci Boxcar, City Hall.  
Includes Refreshments, Wine and Rum.

All profits benefit the Museum.  
This is a major fundraising event.  
Please show your support. To volunteer  
as a HOME HOST please call 386-252-  
2339

Oct 30, 2015 Halloween in the Park  
at Hollyland Park 5:30PM

Dec 5, 2015 Holly Hill Christmas Parade  
Volunteer to be on the float committee  
Ridgewood Av: 14th to 10th St. 10:AM

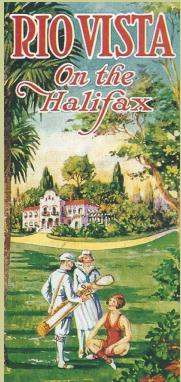
Dec 12, Society Christmas Dinner Party  
at the Riviera Country Club 5:30PM

## Museum Wish List

New Library Computer  
Digital Video Camera  
Gift shop items  
Canned soda

The Society has a new email address!  
hhistoricsociety@yahoo.com

## 2016 CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE



The annual Museum Fundraising History Calendar is now available at \$5 each. The calendar tells the history of the Rio Vista area with historic photos, postcards and promotional items.

Great gift to send to out of town families & friends.

## Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society Mission

This Corporation shall establish, maintain and conduct programs to preserve and protect the historical, cultural and natural resources of the Holly Hill area and shall promote the development and use of these resources through a program of public education for the betterment and improvement of the community.

### Mabbette History Donated by Great Grandson

The Mabbette House at 558 Riverside is full of local history. It was built circa 1896 by Isaac M. Mabbette. Later owned by the Gator Travis family, the home is now the award winning River Lily Inn Bed & Breakfast. Ted Williams, the Great-Grandson of Mabbette, visited the museum and provided photos and journal writings of the family to the museum. Mabbette was an early hotel builder and operator in Central Florida from Kissimmee to Jacksonville. If you have any photos or history on the Mabbette home please contact the museum.



President Rentha Flowers accepts the donated items from Mabbette descendant Ted Williams.

### Museum Hosts Volusia Historical Board

The Volusia County Historical Preservation Board held their meeting at the Museum on September 21st. The group enjoyed refreshments and talking with the Board afterwards. A presentation was given on archeology.

Board Members: Kimberly Reading, John Wagner, L. Thomas Roberts, Brian Polk, James Zacharias and L. William Chapin, II.



**Breaking News!** The Volusia County Council approved \$129,800 for repair of the Calle Grande Arches. \$100,000 will come from insurance of the car which caused the damage to one of the columns. The Society will now begin working on creating a Trust for the Arches to preserve them always. To participate contact Rentha Flowers for meeting times at 386-252-2339.



### Pier Dedication at MG

The MG on the Halifax celebrated their new pier with an open house party. Later the City opened the new public pier at Riverside Park just south of the condominium towers at the end of 2nd Street. Don't forget to visit the restored historic Market across the street also.

Left: Partygoers enjoy live music.

### Last Days of Freedom for Students

These students spent an afternoon before summer vacation ends and they have to return to school by visiting the Holly Hill History Museum. The Museum provides many research materials for viewing. Visit to learn about the history of Volusia County and more. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.



### Did You Know?

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on the 8th but did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. In 1920, President

Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

Right: The Holly Hill firetruck and department is known as "The Hill".

