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# HHH Newsletter

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## River Lily Inn B&B New Owners

River Lily Inn has always been a great supporter of the Holly Hill Historic Society and its new owners hope to continue that. Art and Polly Cappuccio sold the bed and



breakfast to Al and Mary Balloqui. The ribbon cutting featured many wedding vendors and a fashion show. Originally the Mabbette family home, it was built circa 1904. Welcome to Holly Hill!



## Museum Back to Business as Usual



Summer is here and people are beginning to resume activities. The Museum recently added an outdoor sign to let everyone know when it is open. Thank you to Mr. Spike Signs for donating some of his 35 years of experience to revitalize the sign. Mr. Spike also updates our highway banner for events. We appreciate all our local businesses for donating their services.



## Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Events

McCoy Rum Jamboree  
Museum Tea Party  
Museum Anniversary Party

*Thank you to our new and renewed members!*

*Thank you to Betty Bullock for donating a new vacuum.*

*Thank you to Nancy Szanto for gift shop items.*



Happy Independence Day!

## Museum Gift & Resale Shop Sale

The Museum will have a clearance sale  
Wednesday July 21 thru  
Saturday 24th.



## Did You Know?

Society members can choose any used book for FREE in our resale shop.

Society members can check out books from our History Bookcase at the front desk. It contains books of varied, interesting topics! Check it out!

## Museum Hours



**Tuesday thru Saturday  
12 – 4 pm**

**Notice:**  
**Holly Hill History Museum**  
**may be closed during scheduled**  
**hours due to our summer**  
**volunteer availability.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

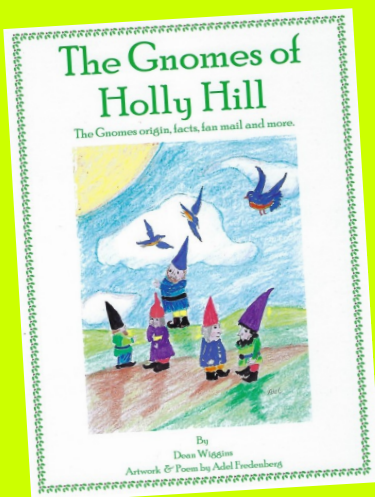
**July 22, 2021, 11AM**  
**Historic Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

**COMING SOON:**  
**Fundraiser:**  
**McCoy Rum Jamboree**  
**November**

**Museum Tea Party**

**Museum Anniversary Party**

The Gnome Tree is a popular attraction and now the 'little people' have their own book. **"The Gnomes of Holly Hill"** tells their story with illustrations, poems and notes of visitors from around the world.



Copies are available at the Museum for \$10. If you want us to mail it to you it is \$12, which includes postage.

This colorful paperback is also available on Amazon.com for \$14.95

## 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.

### Members Attend County Address

Members of the Historic Society attended the State of the County Address at the Ocean Center.

Shown: Claudia, Douglas, Brenda, Dean and County Council Member Heather Post.



Above: Gym Floor

### Preserving History of Holly Hill

The City Hall Commission Chamber's carpet was pulled up to expose the original basketball court flooring. It was decided to restore the flooring instead of recarpeting to show its original history as a gymnasium.

Thank you to the resident who informed public works about the iron lighting scone that fell off the Calle Grande Arches and could have been lost. It is now safe in the Museum. This will be used to recreate any of the missing ones when the Arches are saved and restored. Call the Museum to help.

Right: Arch Scone



### Mystery Solved

Our previous newsletter featured a picture of a pedestal, made of molded solid concrete but few people know its long Holly Hill history. The first motor court in Holly Hill, Greenland Tourist Court, was built in 1933, during the time when USI was the main tourist travel route.



The pedestal was one of the lawn ornaments welcoming guests to the motel. Sometime after Greenland's closing, First Baptist Church of Holly Hill opened a new worship hall and the pedestals were moved to complement its newly created green space at 5th and Ridgewood Avenue. They remained there for fifty years until the church was destroyed by fire. After vandalism or theft, only two pedestals remained. These were donated by the church to our Museum, restored and placed in our hall gallery. Thank you to the church and Pastor Varsa!



Pedestals shown at Greenland and Church.