

“Sharing the Rich History of Ormond Beach through Education and Preservation”

Hi there, OBHS!

**We've got a Great August and
September planned for you!**



Calling All Members and Future Members!

Come to our Member Appreciation

Summer Sizzler

**Drinks and hors d'oeuvres –
And it's FREE!**

Anderson-Price Memorial Building

Friday, August 28, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

More info, page 3.

Trash and Treasures Sale

Friday, Sept. 18 & Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OBHS Members Only Preview Sale

Thurs. Sept. 7 from 5-7 p.m.



**Mark your calendars for some great shopping in
air conditioned comfort at the APMB!**

**We need your help on this fundraiser – ... please start
collecting items that you wish to donate to help us raise
much needed funds.**

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President's Letter

Lazy Days of Summer? Not at OBHS!

Update on the MacDonald House:

In the last newsletter, we called attention to the importance of preserving the MacDonald House. I want to update you on recent events. At the City Commission's Strategic Planning session, the commissioners agreed to hold a special workshop to talk about a maintenance plan for all of their historical buildings, including The Casements, the Ames House, Riverbridge Gardens, and the MacDonald House. No date has been set, but we are gathering information for our presentation.

From Suzanne Heddy's visit to the Margaret Mitchell House in Atlanta for a conference on planning museums in houses, we received valuable information about the details of such planning. Layout, accessibility, color, interactive features – all are important for a first class Museum of Ormond History.

Bill Dodson, a local retired interior designer, has completed a design for all three floors, indicating where walls would be removed to create "spaces of interest" for the different periods of history we would be showcasing. The plans also include an elevator.

We have received cost estimates from some construction companies regarding renovation of the house.

All of these efforts will assist us in participating in the city's workshop.

Sharing our history with children and youth:

This Summer OBHS has partnered with local organizations to provide bus trips with two area churches for children and youth (Christ Presbyterian Church and Emmanuel Church of the Living God). We hosted a walking tour with children from Grace Academy and three walking tours for The Casements summer camp program. In addition we hosted two walk-on bus trips with Halifax Behavior Associates.

That accounts for over 150 different children and their adult support that we shared our history with since May.

No lazy days of summer for OBHS. We keep on working! Thanks for all your support.

Diana Simmons



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Member Appreciation Summer Sizzler

**It's FREE! Stop by, bring a friend or two.
Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres.
Visit with other members and friends,
and learn what's happening with OBHS!
Reservations limited to 100 people
Call 386-677-7005**

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Call the OBHS office at 386-677-7005 or email office@OrmondHistory.org to arrange a time to drop off your items or if needed we will pick up.

Hunting for History

Most of you know that Joseph D. Price, originally of Covington, KY, was one of Ormond's founders, as stated on the plaque below. The plaque was dedicated by the city of Ormond Beach in 1998. His grandson, Joseph D. Price II, attended the ceremony. His granddaughter, Mary Belle Price Coupe, was unable to attend.

Mr. Price was also the first to walk across the new bridge over the Halifax in 1887 – walking east to west he was cheered by all the folks on the mainland as he approached the western shore.

His house, called Hammock Home, still exists at 311 John Anderson Drive.



Do you know where this plaque is displayed?

The first to call our office at the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, with the correct location, will win a prize!

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Ormond's First School



In 1876, after the Chauncey Bacon family came to the New Britain area and began work on their Number Nine Plantation, Mrs. Bacon became the first schoolteacher. A small cabin on present-day Granada Boulevard was used temporarily as a school. She taught six boys, including her son Earl, for a six-week school term.

Four years later, a permanent school building was set up on the corner of Ridgewood and Lincoln streets, pictured above. The one-room schoolhouse was painted gray on the outside, unpainted on the inside. The new school's first teacher was Miss Alice Lou Foulke, a Quaker from Illinois. Class size was about 20 students.

There was a table and chair for the teacher and double seats for the students; generally boys sat with boys and girls with girls. A tin water pail with a dipper, from which everyone drank, was on a table in the front corner. When empty, two students, selected based on good behavior, would get a fresh supply of sulphur water. Other rewards for good behavior were ringing the school bell and providing wood for the box stove.

The building still exists today but several rooms have been added.

Taken from articles by Alice Strickland and Hazelle Fenty, and drawing by George W. Penfield, from "The Halifax Reporter", a Halifax Historical Museum publication, 1975. Researched at the Halifax Historical Museum by Tom Massfeller.

Three Chimneys Site News

The Preservation Committee is preparing an Amendment One application to obtain funding to rebuild the fallen distillery chimney and stabilize the historic Fagen Chimney.

All of this effort is part of the progression toward making the Three Chimneys site a park.

Discover Our History and Back in the Day Presentations for 2015 – 2016

Discover Our History Lecture Series – Lectures at Historic Anderson-Price Memorial Building, 42 North Beach Street in Ormond Beach. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., program 10 -11 a.m. **FREE** admission.

September 26, 2015 – Dr. Michael Francis: *The Lost Spanish Galleon*

October 31, 2015 – Caren Neile: *Short Takes: A Grab Bag of Old Florida Stories*

November 21, 2015 – Janie Gould: *Global Events That Touched Florida: Great Depression to Cold War*

January 30, 2016 – Brendan Burke: *Florida's Fleet: A Boatbuilding and Fishing Legacy from the First Coast*

February 27, 2016 – Rick Smith: *Patrick Smith's Florida is a Land Remembered*

March 26, 2016 – Roger Smith: *Hope of Freedom: Southern Blacks and the American Revolution*

April 30, 2016 – Seth Bramson: *The Florida East Coast Railway: America's Speedway to Sunshine*

Back in the Day Local History Lecture Series – Lectures at Historic Anderson-Price Memorial Building, 42 N. Beach Street in Ormond Beach. Bring your own coffee! Program: 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Members - FREE; Non-members - \$2.

September 12, 2015 – John Mann: *The Three Lighthouses of Volusia County*

October 17, 2015 – Mike Bennett: *The Wreck of the Vera Cruz*

November 14, 2015 – Dan Friend: *DeLand Tug Boats*

January 16, 2016 – John Anglea: *History of the Anderson-Price Memorial Building*

February 6, 2016 – Dan Smith: *The Stanley Steamer Rocket*

March 19, 2016 – Bonda Garrison: *Famous Women of Ormond Beach*

Membership

OBHS has a new Life Member: Dr. Frank Diefenderfer. He is a retired doctor who practiced in Ormond Beach and now lives in New Smyrna. He is an antique car collector and a Life Member of the Motor

Open the Doors to Ormond Beach's Historic Treasures!

The Ormond Beach Historical Society invites you to take a tour, hear a lecture, see the sights of the "Birthplace of Speed," where early 20th century race cars competed on the beach, 18th and 19th century sugar mills turned sugar cane into molasses and rum, and 17th century Native Americans lived amid the natural splendor of east central Florida.

Visit Us!

At the MacDonald House, Ormond Beach's Welcome Center and Museum

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Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

See historical photographs and literature, visit our Merchandise Shoppe offering a selection of DVDs and books on local and Florida history, postcards, Birthplace of Speed T-shirts, caps, and more for purchase.

Don't miss our 20-minute local history video, Ormond Discovery

Scenic Bus Tours

Ride in an air-conditioned bus to discover the hidden historical gems of Ormond Beach. Our tour includes 30 sites on the route – the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Burial Mound and historic homes along the way, and lasts about two hours, guided by a friendly, knowledgeable Historical Society volunteer tour guide.

Tours are offered 2-3 times per month.

Adults \$20; OBHS members \$18; Children (5-12) \$7

Reservations required, space is limited;

Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for dates and times.

Hotel Ormond Cupola

Visit the remaining portion of the Hotel Ormond in Fortunato Park (northeast corner of the Granada Bridge) to see pictures and memorabilia about the hotel. No charge. Open Saturdays and Sundays, 2-4 pm, September through May.

Anderson-Price Memorial Building

This historic building at 42 N. Beach Street is owned by OBHS and can be rented for weddings, receptions, luncheons, business meetings, etc.

Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for reservations or questions.



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Mark Your Calendars – EVENTS TO ATTEND

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Thursday, August 27; Saturday, September 12; Thursday, September 24; Saturdays, October 10, 24, and November 7; Thursday November 19 & December 10; and Saturday, December 19 - 9:45 a.m. – Scenic Historical Bus Tours

Friday, August 28, 5:30 p.m. – Membership "Summer Sizzler" - Annual member appreciation event. Stop by for an evening with members and friends and bring a friend (or two)! Enjoy a drink and light refreshments and find out what's happening at the Society. Please call 386-677-7005 to let us know you are coming.

Saturday, Sept.12, Back in the Day Lecture Series, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - John Mann presents “Three Lighthouses of Volusia County”.

Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Trash and Treasures Sale – One-of-a-kind items at great prices. Collectibles, jewelry, tools, garden and household items will all be sold at rock-bottom prices. Shop leisurely in air conditioned comfort. Admission is free! Members-only preview on Thursday, September 17, 5 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. Discover Our History “Lost Spanish Galleon”

Friday, October 2 and 3, 7 p.m. Cemetery Tour, Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Granada Boulevard. Admission \$12, OBHS Members \$10.