



2019-2020 Ormond Beach Historical Society Speaker Series

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Historic Anderson-Price, 42 N. Beach St., Ormond Beach, FL

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. – Program 10-11 a.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Sept. 28, 2019 – *Florida: The Fire in the Sky*

Join **James “Zack” Zacharias** of MOAS as he takes a rare look at a part of Florida history most people have never heard of, urban fires. The Great Jacksonville Fire of 1901 was the nation’s third largest urban fire in history. Ocala, DeLand, St. Augustine and others were all devastated by fires in the 19th and 20th centuries. And the finale - the great Volusia/Flagler Fire Storm of 1998.

Oct. 26, 2019 - *The Remarkable Story of Drs. John Milton and Esther Hawks: a 19th Century Love Affair*

Joe Vetter, back by popular demand, shares the lives of Dr. John Milton Hawks and Dr. Esther Hawks who were Civil War physicians, pioneers in medicine, abolition, suffrage, and education, and also founders of Port Orange and Edgewater.

Nov. 23, 2019 – *Lost History of Tomoka State Park: Behind-the Scenes at the Lost Causeway and Tomoka Mounds*

Heard about the Lost Causeway but not sure what it is? Want to find out about the recent archaeological discoveries at the Timucua Mounds? Come hear all about the secrets of the earliest area settlers in our area from **Phil Rand**, Park Manager at Tomoka. Also get the details on the two new tours we have planned for the Lost Causeway and the Mounds early in 2020.

Jan. 25, 2020 – *Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park: Where Legend Meets History*

How did factual history of Ponce de Leon and complete mythology of a fountain of youth become so indelibly entangled that 500 years later we still can’t mention one without thinking of the other? In his newest book, **Dr. Roger Smith** dives into this historical quandary to address this and other treasures at the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park in St. Augustine. If you haven’t been in a while, you will want to hear this talk!

Feb. 29, 2020 - *Race and Change Across Cultures and Generations: Florida Stories*

Dr. Kitty Oliver discusses how far we’ve come and how progress can be made that inspires our youth, drawing on an archive of over 125 oral histories of blacks, whites, Hispanics, Asians and Caribbeans from a variety of heritages.

March 28, 2020- *Above & Beyond: JFK and the Florida U-2 Pilots During the Cuban Missile Crisis*

NY Times bestselling author, **Michael J. Tougias** recounts the little-known story of U-2 pilots who flew from Orlando to Cuba to secure photographic proof the Soviets were installing nuclear missiles, sparking an international crisis that brought the U.S. and Soviet Union to the brink of war. One pilot was fatally shot down, an incident covered up and later revealed by U-2 pilot Jerry McIlmoyle of Venice, Florida.

April 25, 2020 - *Privateers of the Americas*

In 1817, a group of pirates and privateers invaded Amelia Island, then a Spanish colony, to strike a blow for the Spanish American Revolution. **Dr. David Head**, UCF, tells the stories of these revolutionary rogues, how they planned to free Florida from Spanish rule, and how the United States chased them away.

May 30, 2020 – *Home Gardens and Mangrove Swamps: Florida Indian Paleoethnobotany*

What, you ask, is Paleoethnobotany? It’s the study of relationships between people and plants, using the archaeological record. **Dr. Lee Newsom**, Professor of Anthropology at Flagler College, will share the fascinating discoveries she and other archaeologists have made by studying plant remains from ship wrecks, burial sites, and even ancient elephant dung.

June 27, 2020 - *Florida’s Female Pioneers: Celebrating the Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage*

Dr. Peggy Macdonald, Historian and Author, returns to examine some of the women who have shaped Florida, including Harriet Beecher Stowe, of Uncle Tom’s Cabin fame, who kick-started Florida’s tourism industry with her 1873 book, *Palmetto Leaves*; and May Mann Jennings, a suffragist and conservationist who helped establish Royal Palm State Park, forming the nucleus of Everglades National Park.



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