

**In Attendance:****Officers**

Dr. Frank Cassell, Chair  
Betty Nugent, Vice-Chair  
Dorothy Korwek, Treasurer  
Laura Dean, Secretary

**Representatives**

Rob Bendus, Joe Blais, Cathy Hollar,  
Betty Intagliata, Howard Rosenthal,  
Dr. Cliff Smith, Rod Smith, Jean Trammell

**Special Guest**

Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium  
librarian and archivist, Kay Garsnett,

**Treasury Report:**

Previous Balance 1/3/2017 \$1,875.70

<b>Income (dues &amp; luncheon)</b>	640.00
<b>Expenses</b>	20.00
	<b>\$620.00</b>

Balance 2/7/2017 \$2,495.70

Report Approved

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Approved as written with thanks to Betty Nugent for taking notes in the absence of the Secretary.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary, Laura Dean reminded those attending the February 25<sup>th</sup> Heritage Awards Luncheon that they may bring promotional materials for the check-in table. She also asks that organizations be sure to include her in emails of newsletters and program announcements so she may publicize them on the Coalition website as well as the Coalition's Facebook page.

Please add to your mailing lists:

[laura@runjikproductions.com](mailto:laura@runjikproductions.com)

The meeting was called to order at 4:12pm by Chair Cassell.



Greeting the "Circus Train" Sarasota, 1950s

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HISTORY & PRESERVATION COALITION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

LOCATION: HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

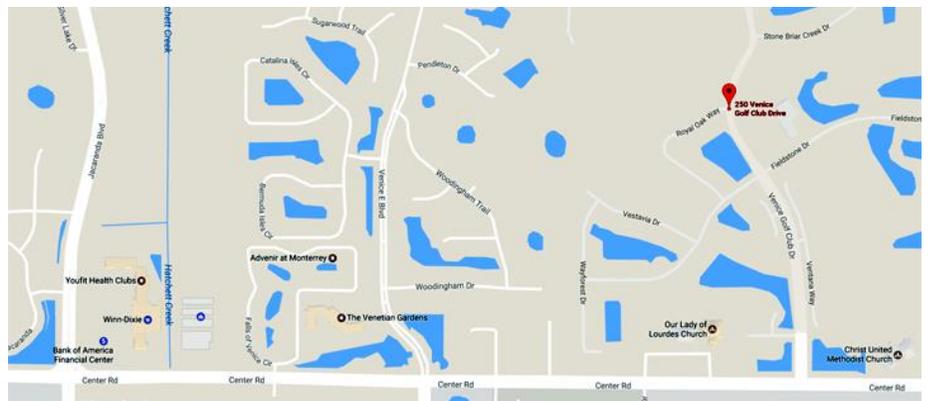
**Chair's Report:**

Chair Dr. Frank Cassell reminded those in attendance to purchase their luncheon reservations by the February 20 deadline, and asked that at least one representative from each member organization try to attend. The event is open to the public. Press has been informed, and Sarasota County Commissioners have been invited. He hopes some will attend. The Chair then deferred to Old Business to continue about the awards luncheon.

**Old Business:**

*Sarasota County Heritage Awards* – We have received 34 reservations so far. The deadline for the Venice Golf and Country Club is February 20. Cost is \$40 per person which includes served salad and desert course, buffet main course with three or more options, and coffee, teas, and sodas. The event starts at 11:00am with social time. It's a great time to mingle and network with other history buffs. Lunch will start at noon. The awards presentations will be from 1:00-3:00pm.

LOCATION: Venice Golf and Country Club 250 Venice Golf Club Drive



Reservations may be sent, with your check only, made payable to: **History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County to P.O. Box 895, Venice FL 34284-0895**. Please inform us the name(s) for the reservation in the memo section or on a separate note. (Deadline February 20, 2017.) *Proceeds (if any) will fund the Coalition's 2017 awards program.*

Visit our website for a list of awardees;

[www.historicpreservationsarasota.org](http://www.historicpreservationsarasota.org)

**COALITION MARCH 7 FIELD TRIP & MEETING** – We will not be meeting at Historic Spanish Point on March 7, but instead, we will have the opportunity to tour the new [Englewood Area Historical Museum](#) (1394 Old Englewood Rd ph.941-208-5942) It's near the turn off to Buchan Airport from 776 as you head south. Meet at 4:00pm at the museum for the tour of their exhibits, then travel south on Old Englewood Road to West Dearborn Street and turn left then a quick right onto West Green Street to the [Historic Green Street Church](#) (416 W Green St) for a brief meeting. For those who can stay awhile, head to the **Lampp House** (back north on Old Englewood Road to 604 West Perry Street) for a tour and refreshments, thanks to Coalition Vice Chair, Betty Nugent.



## DHR Report:

Historical Resources Manager, Rob Bendus reports on ongoing activities and work being done by the DHR and Sarasota County.

- Three Graces Fountain/Statue: Internal review by the Board of County Commissioners is being done regarding estimates on restoration.
- Historical Resources has provided information and support for the ongoing process in which the City of Venice would be named a Certified Local Government. The City of North Port has also voiced interest in going for CLG status.
- The Scott Building has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It houses the Center For Architecture Sarasota (CFAS). Located in downtown Sarasota [265 South Orange Avenue], the Scott Building is a significant surviving example of commercial architecture that was completed during the period of time that has since become known as the Sarasota School of Architecture.



*In 1959 Clarence Scott commissioned architects William Rupp and Joseph Farrell to design a commercial building to serve as the showroom for the Barkus Furniture Company. The building is a one-story commercial structure designed in the International Style with a flat roof and open floor plan featuring a precast concrete structural system with terrazzo floors and exposed masonry, supports and columns.*

- A historic designation will be made for the Sandy Hook area on Siesta Key, which was developed by its namesake, Mary Rockwell Hook. A pioneer in the study of architecture—at a time when women were considered unsuited to the industry.

***From Sarasota History Alive by Lorrie Muldowney*** - Hook wrote in her autobiography that, “There was nothing but sand and a hook.” Sandy Hook is a place where exciting, modern, architectural design was realized by her and others. The first two homes were designed by Hook in the early 1950s and the third by a young architect named Paul Rudolph, whose career later brought him international acclaim.

As with many of the earlier accommodations on the Key, the post WWII homes at Sandy Hook were designed to fit in with their surroundings; yet with a distinctly modern feel. Many of the architects that have been recognized for the important contributions they made to the modern architectural movement through the Sarasota School of Architecture are represented at Sandy Hook. Among these are Paul Rudolph, Ralph Twitchell, Victor Lundy, Tim Seibert, Jim Holliday, Mark Hampton, Bill Rupp, and Frank Folsom Smith.

- DHR has begun the process to nominate the Vamo district for historic designation. Of particular note in the area is the Burroughs house on the bay that dates to 1900 and later was the Vamo Lodge. This historic neighborhood is just north of the property that Bertha Palmer bought in 1910 as her winter home. The Vamo developers, A.A. Wren from Missouri and Bessie Gibson from Virginia, came up with the Vamo name by combining the abbreviations for their home states. The Florida real estate boom triggered their 1924 project right on the two-lane, Sarasota-to-Venice road that later became the Tamiami Trail. However, what was supposed to be the main street of Vamo, helping them sell their lots and homes, didn't happen. The main road was straightened and bypassed their project altogether. Some of their 1920s era Spanish revival homes remain in the neighborhood.



- The Sarasota Herald Tribune recently donated its archival collection the Historical Resources. This collection includes clippings and photos.
- Digitizing the McKinley Cantor materials continues, as well as minor restorations/conservation of the exhibit artifacts.
- DHR is discussing with Sarasota County Parks the possibility of restoring and repurposing the Manhattan Produce Exchange building near the Venice Train Depot in Venice. This building dates to the late 1920s and is primarily in original condition. It may be one of the only remaining structures in our area that demonstrates the connection between agriculture and the railroads. It is historically designated, and would make an excellent additional educational element to the Venice Depot.
- Radio Carbon Dating is being done on artifacts in the archaeological collections from Manasota Key and the Prodie mound at Philippi Estate Park under the direction of Dr. George Luer. A public outreach workshop on RCD and these artifacts will be held in partnership with Florida Public Archaeology Network by Dr. Luer and Professor Uzi Baram of New College on March 15 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Philippi Estate Park.




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## New Business:

Kay Garsnett, the new Librarian and Archivist at Mote Marine Aquarium & Research Center, stopped by the meeting to tell us about the exciting additions to their collections. Recently, artifacts and documents from the Bass Biological Laboratory, formerly housed at the historic Cookie House in Englewood, were donated and transferred to the Mote. In the future, Garsnett plans to fully process the papers of Mote's Founding Director, Dr. Eugenie Clark, publish an online finding aid and create a digital collection of some of Clark's artifacts and documents.

Prior to working at Mote, Garsnett worked as an archivist at John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, Marian University's School of Liberal Arts, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library at the Alamo. Garsnett has been a certified archivist since 2012. The Library and Archives are open to the public for study and exploration Monday through Friday. Appointments are suggested for library visitors and required for archival tours. For further information call (941) 388-4441, extension 333.

## Upcoming Programs and Special Announcements:

- **City of Sarasota Historic Preservation Board** will meet on February 14 to elect new board members. Dr. Cliff Smith will once again represent Sarasota at the Florida Historical Commission February meeting in Tallahassee. Dr. Smith invites Coalition members to attend the unveiling of the historical markers designating the African American Heritage Trail in Newtown. Join the Newtown Conservation Historic District team Saturday, Feb. 18 at 10:30am at the Robert L. Taylor Community Complex 1845 34th St., Sarasota (corner of Myrtle St. and US301). This is the only time to see all 15 of the markers in one place. All are welcome. Light refreshments served following a brief program.

- The **Friends of the Englewood Archives** is pleased to announce that a historian has been hired by Charlotte County. Her name is Dr. Annette Snap, and she is a native Floridian.
- **National Railway Historical Society** continues to partner with **Venice Area Historical Society** on the Circus Railcar Project. VAHS found an ideal car, built by Pullman Standard and once owned by Ringling, at the Florida Railroad Museum (FRRM). Called the *Short Leaf Pine*, it is an 85-foot long rail car, and is currently at the restoration yard.
- **Friends of the Sarasota County History Center** will open a new exhibition on Friday February 18 from 6:00-9:00pm at the Chidsey Historical Exhibits & Education Center. *Florida's Lost Tribes* is an



exhibition of paintings of renowned Florida-based artist Theodore Morris, whose depictions of Native Americans are highly sought after by collectors. The reception is open to the public and the artist will be on hand. Please let the Friends know you plan to attend so they can plan the refreshments by calling 941-361-2453.

**FOSCHC recently hired Bill Goetz as manager of the Chidsey Building, but still need volunteers for at least one day per month. The hours are Noon-4:30pm Tuesday-Saturday.**

The next speaker in their Florida Humanities lecture will be Gary Monroe, an expert on *The Highwaymen, Florida's African American Artists*. The program is free, open to the public, and will be held at the Sarasota Garden Club Auditorium at 1131 Blvd of the Arts in Sarasota at 7:00pm. Call 941-361-2453 to reserve a seat.

- Visual artist Virginia Hoffman and writer Bob Plunket share their adventures in Urban Exploring, at *Conversations at The Crocker*, Tuesday, February 14 starting at 7:00pm. Urban Exploring, or Urbex as it has been nicknamed, is the study of man-made structures and abandoned ruins. Urbex offers an offbeat way to look at cultural history and sociological context. It has a great following on the internet, but remains outside the mainstream due to its counter-cultural nature. The Crocker Memorial Church is located at 1260 12th Street (Pioneer Park) Sarasota. The program is a presentation of the **Historical Society of Sarasota County**. Members and students free; guests, \$10.

**DON'T MISS Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Conversations at the Crocker "A Big Life in a Small World" with Howard Tibbals & Deborah Walk – Presenters.**

- **Venice Area Historical Society's** next lecture will be a timely topic you won't want to miss; "The Hayes-Tilden Election of 1876: Compromise and Consequences" with presenter James C. Clark, Ph.D. on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00pm at Village On The Isle 920 Tamiami Trail S, Venice.
- **Venice Heritage, Inc.** invites you to attend the annual VENICE BOOK FAIR March 25th from 10:00am to 3:00pm in Centennial Park, Venice, Florida. In the heart of historic downtown by the Gazebo. Also, WIN A TRIP FOR FOUR TO TUSCANY! For just \$25 you can be entered in a drawing for a trip for four people to stay for SEVEN NIGHTS in a Tuscan Villa. Although it doesn't include airfare, the winner may choose from one of the six villas located in Manciano, Italy. Buy tickets online, and see the luxurious villas at [www.veniceheritage.org](http://www.veniceheritage.org) Proceeds benefit the Lord-Higel House.

(announcements by those present only)

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**Meeting Adjourned: 5:35 PM**

**Next Business Meeting: SEE FIELD TRIP NOTES ABOVE**

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